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Loyalist massacre condemned

Major set to invite Hume to Ulster talks

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND NICHOLAS WOOD

■ John Major is expected to meet John Hume, the SDLP leader, in the search for peace, given added urgency by the latest terrorist attack

THE desperate search for a way to end the cycle of violence in Northern Ireland will intensify this week after the massacre of seven people in a village pub took the death toll in the province over the past eight days to 23.

John Major and Albert Reynolds reaffirmed their commitment to their joint quest for a solution last night, and Mr Major is expected to underline his determination by meeting John Hume, the SDLP leader who has been holding secret talks with Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein.

With pressure growing for a reintroduction of internment, the Anglo-Irish conference will on Wednesday consider ways of tighting cross-border security and increasing pressure on the terrorists. Internment is not on the immediate agenda and Mr Reynolds rejected it yesterday, but senior British ministers are not ruling it out as a last resort.

The hunt for a solution was given added urgency by the Loyalist attack on the Rising Sun pub in Greysteel, co Londonderry, on Saturday when two gunmen strode in and sprayed the two bars with automatic weapons, killing six Catholics and a Protestant.

A female scout gave the gunmen the all-clear just as a country and western band was setting up. One of the men shouted "trick or treat", and 19-year-old Karen Thompson, who was sitting by the entrance, replied "You're joking." The man immediately shot her dead, then he and his partner scattered bullets around the rest of the bar, killing a woman on the far side of a partition wall and the landlord's 81-year-old father.

The two Ulster Freedom Fighters then paused to reload before firing a second round. The whole shooting lasted no more than two minutes. Five people were killed instantly, one died on the way to hospital and a seventh died on the operating table.

A survivor said last night: "First of all we thought it was fireworks. We heard one burst of machinegun fire and then heard three after that. We all ran to the toilets in the bar where we stayed for ten minutes until they went away. When we went back there were bodies everywhere. It was pandemonium."

Another man said that two off-duty nurses, Jackie O'Doherty and Katrina Moore, had picked their way through the carnage to help the victims, even though Miss O'Doherty's mother was among the dead. "They kept some people alive until the ambulances arrived," he said. "It was amazing to watch them at work. Jackie probably knew her mother was injured or dead, but she kept on walking round talking to people, calming them down, seeing to their injuries and moving from one body to another. There were cartridges and spent bullet cases all over the floor. There was this smell of fresh blood. I don't think I'll ever forget it."

The UFF said it had attacked the "nationalist electorate" in retaliation for the IRA bombing that killed nine Protestants on the Shankill Road in Belfast the previous Saturday. Last night, eight people from Londonderry were being questioned while police in Belfast were questioning another 18.

Sir Hugh Annesley, the chief constable of the RUC, yesterday condemned the latest shootings as wanton and cowardly, and pledged: "The people who did this will be hunted down like the rats they are. Those who carry out these acts are the scum of the earth."

The latest violence was also denounced by Mr Major, who described it as "yet another evil act of butchery" and by Mr Reynolds, who called it "a slaughter of innocents". Mr Reynolds said the attack changed nothing; the two prime ministers were even more determined to press ahead with the accord they announced on Friday. "One of our major problems is the lack of a political process and dialogue. Consequently the men of violence are allowed to take centre stage, and that has to be addressed immediately."

Mr Major, who is expected to make a Commons statement today, is also likely to agree to meet Mr Hume, who has been seeking talks at Downing Street for some time. Although both British and Irish governments have repudiated the Hume-Adams formula, Mr Major does not want to leave the SDLP leader completely out in the cold as he struggles to revive the constitutional talks.

The Anglo-Irish conference will this week reaffirm those as the only road to peace and urge Ulster's politicians to return to the negotiating table.

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TRICK OR TREAT? YOU'RE JOKING!

Karen Thompson, 19, did not believe the killers' sick joke. Then she was shot



Steven Mullan, 20, Karen's boyfriend



John Burns, 54, the only Protestant victim

Marketplace in education challenged by commission

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A CRUSADE to rescue standards in urban schools will be demanded by the National Commission on Education this month when it publishes a devastating indictment of the state of British education.

The independent Commission, established with the support of John Major, will detail radical reforms needed to break a cycle of failure and equip the nation for the next century, many in direct conflict with government policy.

The 350-page report, to be published in a fortnight, will present a comprehensive package of carefully-costed recommendations from nursery education, through schools and universities to adult provision. It is expected to call for the replacement of local education authorities with new Education and Training Boards that include representatives of business and the church as well as elected politicians.

A key element is a strategy to counter the emergence of an educational underclass with poor literacy and numeracy skills that it believes is increasingly neglected by the system. The report is expected to urge action to improve the quality of teachers in urban schools by offering new pay incentives and vouchers entitling staff to extra in-service training.

The 16-strong Commission, chaired by Lord Walton, has drawn members from across the political spectrum to underline its independence. It includes leading figures from industry and education, such as John Raisman, former chairman of Shell UK, Helena Kennedy QC, and Sir John Cassels, former director general of the National Economic Development Office.

It will challenge key pillars of Conservative policy, particularly the government's reliance on an embryonic education marketplace to lever up standards in failing schools and the inner cities. Ministers' assertions that education quality is not directly linked to funding or class sizes will be rejected outright.

The findings are certain to increase the pressure on John Patten, the education secretary. He is already on the defensive after school inspectors reported last week that government reforms are failing to raise "disturbing" standards at more than 5,000 schools in deprived areas.

The Commission was set up in 1991 with a £1 million grant from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation after the Prince of Wales and Sir Claus Moser, warden of Wadham College, Oxford, voiced alarm at dismal education standards. John Major gave the initiative his blessing on becoming prime minister after Lady Thatcher rejected earlier appeals for a Royal Commission.

The Commission's evidence is understood to highlight the gulf in achievement between pupils at Britain's best and worst schools, and conclude it is much bigger than in most other countries. It is expected to argue that too many school-leavers lack a solid foundation in literacy and numeracy, to emphasise the failure of many primary schools to help children master the basics, and to provide challenging teaching for older primary pupils of average and higher ability.

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Olivetti chief mulls over bribe charge

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

THE corruption scandal which has engulfed Italian politics this weekend embraced Carlo De Benedetti, one of the most powerful businessmen in Europe.

Signor De Benedetti, chairman of the Olivetti computer multinational, was last night considering returning to Italy to co-operate with investigators after magistrates issued a warrant for his arrest on an alleged bribery charge.

Marco De Luca, Signor De Benedetti's principal lawyer, said yesterday: "I can't say with absolute certainty what the charges are, but it would be reasonable to assume that they are related to the payments made to the Ministry of Postal Service, which Mr De Benedetti himself denounced last May."

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Town that defied sectarian hatreds

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IN GREYSTEEL

THEY thought it would never happen here. Catholics and Protestants in the small town of Greysteel, which runs down to the banks of Lough Foyle, believed they were immune from Northern Ireland's spreading slaughter. They lived side by side, worked together and drank together.

Now they know the truth: a close knit community of Catholics and Protestants, which can care for its elderly and disabled without regard to religion, is no shield against terrorism.

The butchery on Saturday night has numbed locals, who gathered yesterday outside the Rising Sun public house, which they regarded as a symbol of the community's defiance against sectarianism. The Rising Sun was bombed in 1972 by terrorists and rebuilt. Now the 2,000 residents of Greysteel will have to rebuild their community.

Des Killkey, whose sister Moira Duddy died instantly when two hooded gunmen raked the bar with automatic weapons, said his family had no interest in politics. "She mixed with everyone and respected everyone else's religion. But here we are. You just can't escape the violence."

One woman, who lives near the pub, said innocent people

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KGB man questioned about umbrella killing

BY LOUISE HIDALGO, AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

A FORMER KGB general was questioned by police in London yesterday about the murder of Georgi Markov, the dissident Bulgarian playwright and BBC broadcaster killed by a poisoned pellet fired from an umbrella in London 15 years ago.

Oleg Kalugin, a former head of Soviet external counter intelligence, was arrested as he arrived at Heathrow airport from Moscow to take part in a BBC television programme. The Russian embassy made a formal protest to the Foreign Office and Scotland Yard later released Mr Kalugin, who became famous in 1990 after publicly denouncing the KGB leadership and being stripped of his rank and medals by President Gorbachev, saying only that he had been questioned about "a serious matter".

Mr Kalugin has denied any involvement in the 1978 murder of Markov but has told police he will co-operate with them in their investigation, according to a Russian embassy spokesman.

Mr Kalugin, who had come to Britain at the invitation of the BBC's *Panorama* programme to appear in a broadcast about the British intelligence service, MI6, claimed in an interview with the *Mail on Sunday* in April that he had helped organise the assassination of Markov, an outspoken critic of the Communist regime in Bulgaria following his defection in 1969.

Mr Kalugin said he had been asked by Yuri Andropov, the former Soviet president who was then head of the KGB, to "take charge" of preparations for the murder after the Bulgarians approached the Soviets for help in assassinating Markov. Mr Kalugin, now 58, insisted, however, that the murder itself had been executed by the Bulgarian secret service. This is believed to be the first time the former KGB general has visited Britain since the interview appeared.

The new Bulgarian regime admitted three years ago that

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Kalugin: invited to Britain by the BBC



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Only talking can end 800 years of misunderstanding

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

At one of many tense periods in Anglo-Irish relations, Margaret Thatcher had a lengthy meeting with Garret FitzGerald in Dublin in December 1984 at which the Taoiseach pleaded that extra sensitivity was needed in what was said after 800 years of misunderstandings. Baroness Thatcher records in her memoirs: "I felt at the end that I had gained an insight into every one of those 800 years."

Most British ministers who have had anything to do with Northern Ireland would sympathise. The cabinet had a lengthy discussion of the issue last Thursday, after which one minister remarked, in a mood of rueful resignation, "it's going to be with us for a long time to come".

British ministers believe they can only persevere with the broad approach of the past two decades: containment by the security forces and continued talks with the Irish government and constitutional parties that renounce violence. The murders of the past ten days have made talks more difficult, but they have not altered these goals — as John Major and Albert Reynolds reaffirmed on Friday.

The two governments have pushed to one side the talks between John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Gerry Adams, of Sinn Fein, but the attitudes of the latter cannot be ignored. Little fundamental has been changed either by the government's talks last July with the Ulster Unionists that resulted in the latter's promise of support in the Commons.

The British government is tightly constrained. Following experiences in the 1970s, ministers are unwilling to adopt stringent measures to suppress armed groups. With a few exceptions, the British security forces have followed the rule of law against opponents who do not. So while tougher security measures are likely if only as a measure of reassurance, nobody believes they are a solution.

The government cannot walk away from the problem, as it did from some countries during the withdrawal from empire. Troops cannot just be pulled out. Underpinning this is a commitment that the Northern Irish people should retain self-determination over their future, in effect preserving the Unionist community's veto over changes in the province's constitutional status. But Northern Ireland is different. Belfast is not like Liverpool or Glasgow. The Dublin government historically has always had a role, even if not always a say.

These constraints have over-ridden even the profoundly Unionist instincts of Lady Thatcher, who originally favoured a system of majority rule and devolved government with strong guarantees for the rights of the minority. She was persuaded that neither this approach nor integration, as favoured by some British Tories, would work. She accepted that security could not be disentangled from wider political issues and that Dublin was inescapably involved. Many Tory MPs, and a few ministers, still favour integration, arguing that continuing talks with Dublin only raises the hopes of the IRA and prolongs violence.

The repeated attempts to organise talks are seen by British ministers as a way of broadening the province's political structure as well as politically necessary to avoid a stalemate which could trigger even more killing.

Critics, now including Lady Thatcher, argue that political concessions to Dublin and Irish nationalist opinion have alienated the Unionists without gaining sufficient security co-operation. The latest talks have sought to reassure the Unionists and to give the IRA a reason to cease fighting — by reaffirming the Unionist veto, by replacement of the Irish republic's constitutional claim to the province and by the offer of involvement in talks to any party that renounces violence.

There are disagreements about what this means in practice — whether, as Mr Major insists, the IRA should face a lengthy quarantine period to prove that any disavowal of violence is genuine.

Something was stirring, among the Unionists as much as the Nationalists, before the latest killings. It still is, just. But nobody in the British government expects a breakthrough.

PETER RIDDELL

Dublin rejects internment as Tories press for action

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE Irish government yesterday ruled out internment of terrorist suspects in the wake of the Greysteel massacre, as pressure for it increased among Tory backbenchers.

Speaking on Irish radio Albert Reynolds, the Taoiseach, said internment without trial was, in his view, still an instrument which would only make a bad situation worse.

Referring to the last time internment was tried in Northern Ireland between 1971 and 1974, Mr Reynolds added: "What does internment do? It may take some people off the streets. They were taken off the streets before and replaced by volunteers in greater numbers. That's not the answer."

Mr Reynolds's comments follow the publication of a survey of Tory backbenchers in *The Sunday Times* yesterday showing 75 per cent would approve if internment were introduced north and south of the Irish border, with 21 per cent opposed.

Dame Jill Knight, an executive member of the 1922 committee, said that the terrorists' "evil and murderous ways" demanded the strongest possible response. "Anything and everything which would illustrate to the IRA that we mean business in beating them would be satisfactory to me."

Her views echo the demands of Unionist MPs who have been pressing Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, to take action since the Shankill Road bombing last weekend. Significantly, however, *The Sunday Times* survey found very little support for the measure among Irish parliamentarians, with only two out of 50 who were asked giving their approval.

Official sources still describe internment as a "weapon of last resort", implying that its imposition would signal a total failure of all other avenues. The sources also argue it would work only if applied on both sides of the border at once.

Considerable weight is given to the view that interning IRA and Loyalist killers may achieve a measure of peace in the short term, but would exacerbate the troubles in the long run by turning paramilitaries into heroes and the government into a recruiting sergeant for the IRA and its Loyalist opponents.

An Irish government spokesman said last night he could see no circumstances in which the Dublin view on internment would change. The argument of those who said both governments knew the identities of killers and could easily pick them up was not supported by events, which often showed unknown individuals were behind acts of violence, he said.

☐ Members of the Rally for Peace Movement, made up of Irish immigrants in Britain horrified at the violence in Ulster, yesterday erected three banners in Trafalgar Square, London, pleading for peace.

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Police patrolling yesterday outside the bar in Greysteel, east of Londonderry, scene of the latest sectarian violence

Bereaved Protestant ashamed to share gunmen's religion

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE VICTIMS

THE 14-year-old daughter of the only Protestant to die in the Rising Sun slaughter said yesterday: "I am ashamed of my religion."

Gillian Burns's father John, 54, was shot dead and his wife Nellie, who was critically wounded, is on a life support machine at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry.

The couple were sitting with their neighbours and close friends Mickey and Kathleen Carlin, both Catholics. Mrs Carlin was hit in the arm but allowed home after treatment and Mr Carlin escaped the gunfire. Mr Burns was shot in the stomach and died almost immediately.

Two off-duty nurses, Jackie O'Doherty and Katrina Moore, picked their way through the carnage in an attempt to aid the victims. One was Mrs O'Doherty's mother, Moira Duddy, who died in the lounge. Her daughter kept giving whatever aid she could to those still living, customers said.

A man who went into the bar to search for his son said: "It was Jackie and Katrina who kept some people alive until the ambulances arrived. It was amazing to watch them at work, quite unbelievable. Jackie was giving out instructions and everybody responded as best they could.

"When I walked through the door there were three bodies lying curled up in the foetal position but I think one of the women was still living. Jackie probably knew her mother was injured or dead but she kept on walking around talking to people, calming them down, seeing to their injuries and moving from one body to another."

Mrs Duddy also had five sons and last night the family was shattered by grief. Her husband John had bought their bungalow at Greysteel for £300 when it was derelict 30 years ago and the family had refurbished and modernised it.

Nurse Moore's father-in-law James Moore, 81, also died. His son Jim, 55, the owner of the bar, pleaded for no retaliation. He said: "I thought it was a few bangers being let off because it was Hallowe'en.

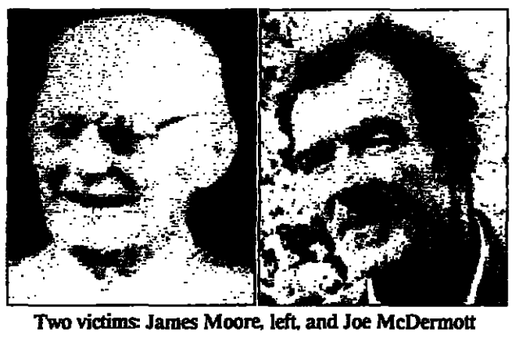
"But when I got there it was carnage and panic. People were lying dead all over the place. I saw my father first, then a young girl and then all the others.

"I know my father is dead, but I want no revenge for this. I am not bitter. Catholics and Protestants drink in the pub together."

The youngest victims to die had been planning a Christmas engagement, a friend said. Steven Mullan, 20, a joiner, and Karen Thompson, 19, had dated for two years. Karen was shot in the face when the hooded gunmen sprayed the lounge. Steven was found dying near a corner. The friend said: "They were deeply in love, with everything to live for. They were looking forward so much to Christmas. It's a tragedy."

Another victim, Joe McDermott, 60, was described by a neighbour as a recluse who walked everywhere with his cats.

Also killed was a father of three, John Moyne, 50, who worked as a supervisor at a synthetics factory.



Two victims: James Moore, left, and Joe McDermott

REACTION

■ **John Major:** "If the terrorists are known they should be identified to the police and brought to justice. Revenge breeds revenge. They are acting against humanity."

■ **Albert Reynolds,** Irish prime minister: "This latest massacre of the innocents ... underlines the urgency of the search for a total cessation of violence."

■ **Seamus Mallon,** SDLP deputy leader: "It is another bloody milestone in the move towards peaceful resolution of the problems here."

■ **Roger Stott,** shadow Northern Ireland minister: "What we have got now is a group of psychopaths who do what they do in the name of nobody. They are psychopathic killer nutcases and you cannot put a cloak around them to justify what they do in any way at all. The RUC chief constable should now look at the draconian powers he has and get this thing sorted out once and for all."

■ **Dick Spring,** Ireland's deputy prime minister: "The depths of sectarian hatred which are being plumbed at the moment can serve no purpose."

■ **William Ross,** Ulster Unionist MP for Londonderry East: "This is an appalling act of murdering violence."

■ **Kevin McNamara,** shadow Northern Ireland secretary: "There can be no excuses and no justification for this. It is urgent that full attention be paid to the Major-Reynolds initiative to find a solution which will respect the integrity of both communities. What has happened is quite atrocious."

■ **Dr Joe Hendron,** SDLP MP for Belfast West: "Internment was a total and absolute disaster before. It increased the number of people joining the IRA and I have no doubt the same thing would happen again. You would be swelling the ranks of the para-militaries on both sides."

■ **Robert Eames,** Bishop of Armagh and Anglican Primate of All Ireland: "This is psychopathic blood-letting ... it is just one more chapter of hatred and revenge and suffering. The situation is so desperate we have got to realise that all agendas must take second place to the total cessation of this violence."

Town stands united in grief

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were just out having a drink. "Both communities mix here and always have done. I have a lot of good Protestant friends and have no grudge against them. I see everybody as equal."

Her husband said: "The people in the pub were the general rural folk. There was no place for bigotry here."

Greysteel is a predominantly Catholic town, but John Burns, one of the victims who had been a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, felt safe enough to live there.

Father Stephen Kearney, curate at the Star of the Sea, the town's Catholic Church, said that on the morning of the attack locals had come together for a cross-community lunch. "We have good co-operation between the communities and our project helps elderly and disabled people. Because we have good relations and are slightly better off we can't get funding."

Relatives of the victims, who joined 1,000 locals for mass at the church, heard one of the most distinguished figures of Northern Ireland's Troubles, Dr Edward Daly, the retiring Bishop of Derry, praised them for standing together.

"I recall a line from one of Sean O'Casey's plays which I think is particularly apt. 'The gunmen are not dying for the people, the people are dying for the gunmen.' I think that summarises this week in Northern Ireland. But we must not lose hope."

Scotland Yard question former KGB general

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Todor Zhivkov, the country's former leader, ordered Markov's assassination. It has long been known that relations between the KGB and the Bulgarian secret service were especially close. In 1991, former KGB officers admitted they supplied the ricin, a highly toxic poison made from castor oil seeds, found in a small metal pellet in Markov's thigh.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, who is heavily dependent on the former KGB for support, has kept Mr Kalugin at a distance, despite the fact that he was elected to parliament in 1990 on a pro-Yeltsin ticket.

Mr Kalugin's revelations have extended from criticism of past KGB intelligence work in the West, which he said was chaotic, incompetent and largely controlled by Western agents, to a charge that the then KGB chief used his position in order to procure Western aphrodisiacs.

Markov, then a journalist for the BBC Bulgarian Service, died on September 11, 1978, four days after being pierced with a poisoned dart on Waterloo Bridge. At the time it was thought that the dart had been concealed in an umbrella tip though earlier this year Mr Kalugin claimed that it had been fired from a pen.

Before defecting from Bulgaria in 1969, Markov had been a senior journalist there with close links to the communist leadership. It was suggested at the time that they had ordered his murder because they feared his intimate knowledge of their corrupt lifestyle.

In 1985, three Bulgarian officials were charged in Italy with complicity in the attempted murder of the Pope four years earlier, but were acquitted for lack of evidence.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MacGregor at risk over £5bn schemes

The transport secretary is risking a confrontation with industrialists after admitting he could not give a date for work to begin on two rail projects costed at £5 billion. John MacGregor, under attack over his rail privatisation proposals, yesterday refused to be drawn on when the £3 billion Channel tunnel rail link or the £1.8 billion London CrossRail scheme would be built. With other big spending department heads, Mr MacGregor is involved in a Treasury battle over his department's spending programme. He may have to sacrifice expenditure on the rail schemes or delay them and prune his £23 billion road programme to ensure subsidies to attract railway franchise bidders are not cut.

Tories target key rebels

Backbench Major loyalists will meet tonight to draw up a slate of "mainstream" candidates to challenge for key posts in Tory backbench elections. The group has decided to target right-wing anti-Maastricht rebels on the executive of the 1922 committee and among the chairmanships of backbench committees. William Rees-Mogg, page 14

Polish flights halted

Flights between Britain and Poland were suspended yesterday. Britain refused to renew the Polish carrier Lot's permit because the airline is blocking a request from British Airways to start a second daily flight to Warsaw. BA cancelled its own services for the next two days. Both airlines are rerouting passengers through other countries.

Hunting season opens

The hunting season officially begins today amid optimism among supporters that the sport is under less threat than for some time. That is despite recent decisions by several county councils to ban hunting on their land. Several hunts held their opening meets on Saturday, and few incidents were reported.

Carey and Lilley meet

The Archbishop of Canterbury has discussed with Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, government plans to curb the rising number of single mothers. Dr George Carey, who last month spoke against a "big stick" approach to single parents, also referred to his worries over poverty. The discussion took place last week at a private meeting.

Editors condemn VAT

The Guild of British Newspaper Editors yesterday launched its fiercest assault on plans to impose VAT on the press, warning the government that it could provoke a backlash of anti-Tory reporting. Roy Maddison, guild president, told its annual conference in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, that it amounted to a tax on learning.

Drug coma girl dies

A teenager who inhaled pure heroin at a party has died after 15 months in a coma. Suzanne Calvert, 17, of Bedlington, Northumberland, had already taken Ecstasy and alcohol. Sean O'Brian, 24, of Bedlington, was jailed for five years last November after he pleaded guilty to four charges of supplying heroin.

Injured doctor airlifted

A doctor was airlifted with serious back injuries to the hospital where he works after his paraglider fell to the ground on the South Downs, near Shoreham, West Sussex. David Carlin, 35, who specialises in orthopaedics, was taken to Worthing Hospital for emergency treatment to his spine and later transferred to nearby Southlands Hospital.

Title duel boosts chess

The Times World Chess Championship was hailed yesterday as a boost for the game. An average audience of two million watched Channel 4 coverage of the Kasparov-Short duel and the central London toy store Hamleys reported a surge in sales of chess set. Clive Blackwell of the British Chess Federation said players as young as six had joined his London club. "Many people now playing chess took it up during the Fischer-Spassky match in 1972. I am quite sure these championships will have the same effect," he said. *Entertaining end, page 7; Winning move, page 36*

THE TIMES
DILLONS DEBATE

Will women priests split the Church?



THE Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, and Karen Armstrong, for seven years a Roman Catholic nun, and author of the controversial new book *The End of Silence, Women and Priesthood*, will speak in support of women priests in this important debate. Challenging them will be Ann Widdecombe, MP, and Father Martin Flatman, vicar of Cowley St John, Oxford, both of whom are leading critics of the decision to ordain women priests.

The debate takes place on Monday, November 8 at 7.30pm, at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1. Times readers can obtain tickets (£10, concessions £5) either by completing the coupon below, calling at Dillons the Bookstore, 82 Gower Street, London WC1, or telephoning Dillons on 071-915 6612 (24 hours).

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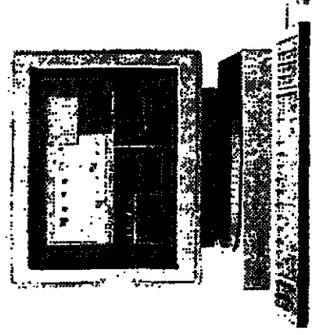
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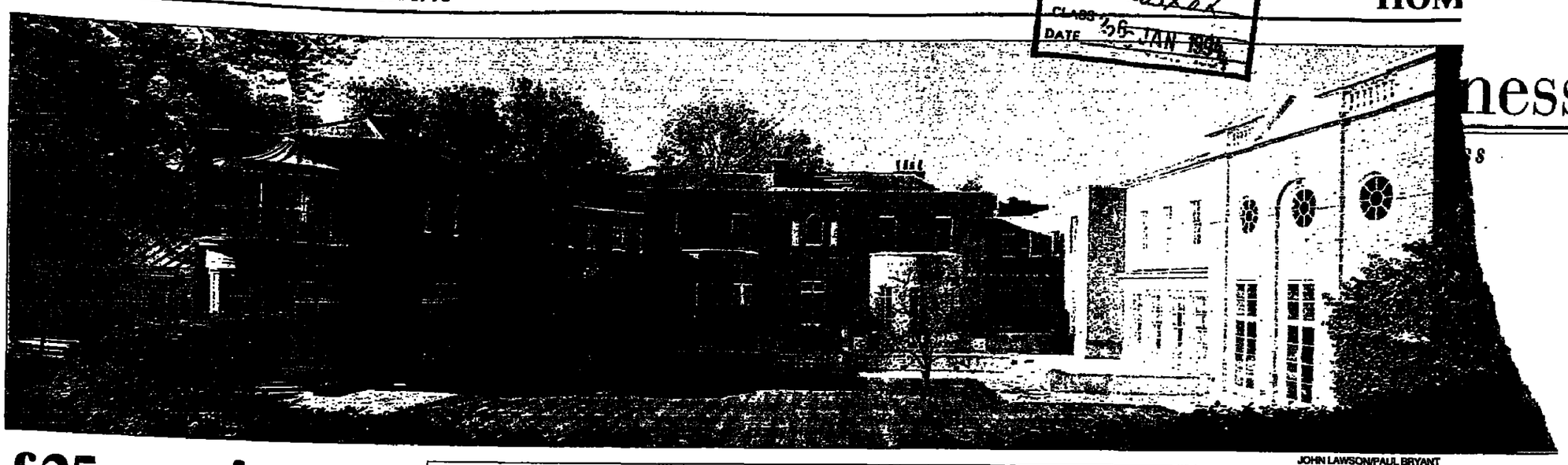
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BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE most expensive house in Britain will be discreetly put up for sale in London today for £25 million.

The last dust-wraps are being taken off the marble bathrooms and wood-panelled interiors of The Rectory, an 18th-century, Grade II listed mansion hidden in 2.5 acres of garden behind the King's Road in Chelsea.

Builders working for the Japanese-funded developers, Toyoko Metropolitan, have spent the past two years extending the original rectory, where Charles Kingsley, shocked at the exploitation of children, wrote *The Water Babies*, into a building more than three times the size.

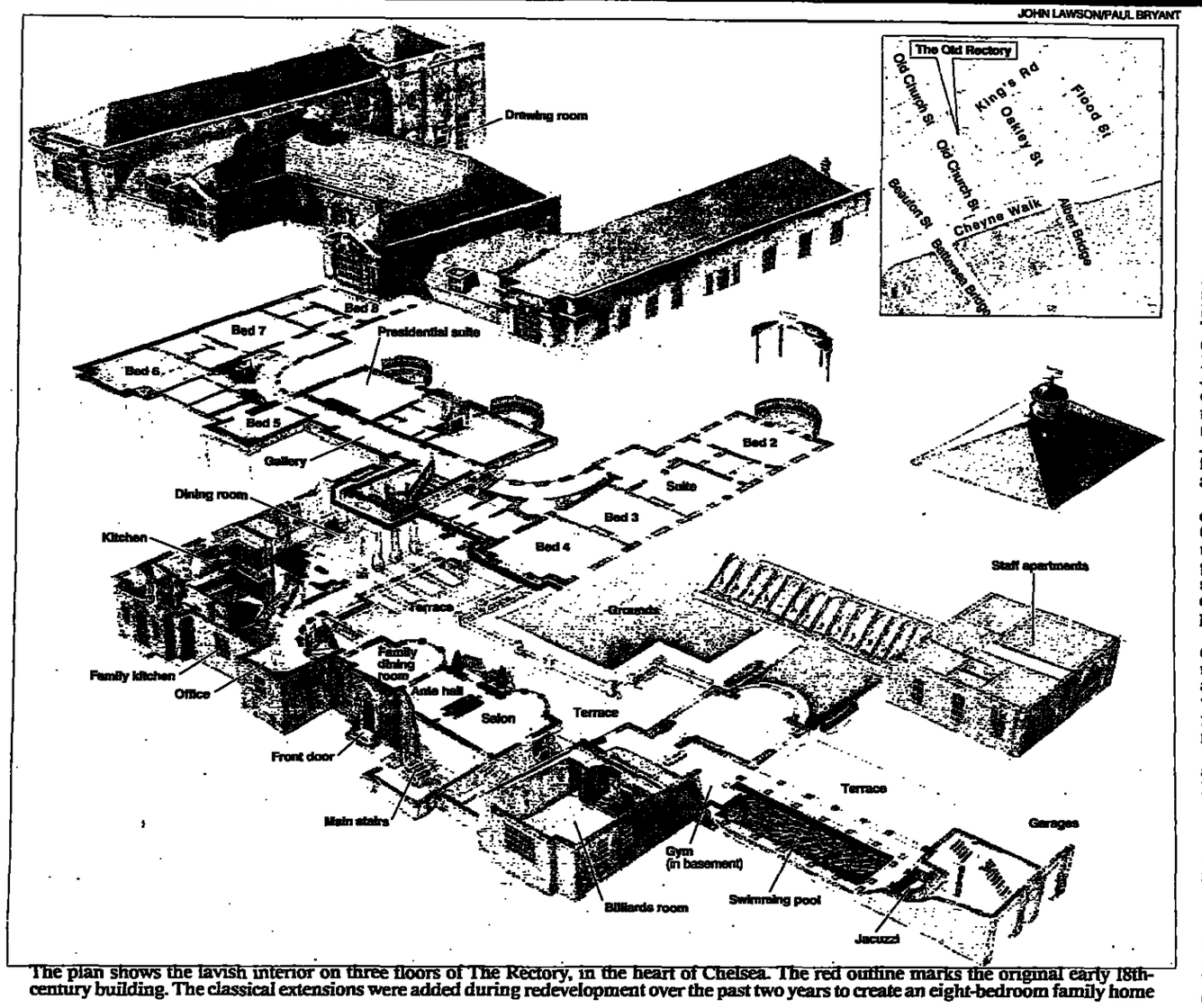
Two new wings enclose the garden at the back of the house, embracing terraces and a semi-circular lawn. A granite-lined swimming pool, a gymnasium, billiards room, and sun lounges have been added in the south wing. In the other are a drawing room with a 10m-high dome and pillars, leading to a dining room flanked by a colonnade.

Once rambling, the garden has become a park. There are terraces, secret bowers, a walled vegetable garden, and a winding path through newly installed copses alongside a mulberry tree said to have been planted by Elizabeth I. It is believed to be the biggest private garden in central London after Buckingham Palace.

The house was originally built in 1727. Rectors, said to include the Duke of Wellington's brother, lived there until the 1980s, when the Church Commissioners sold it to an Arab for £1.5 million. But it remained largely uninhabited for the next decade, apart from a black rabbit nibbling on the lawn, and was eventually repossessed by a French bank. Toyoko acquired the repossession for about £8 million in October 1990.

The architect of this new opulence is Antony Collett. He not only transformed the original rectory but built, squeezed between shops on the King's Road and the rectory, a single-storey house with six bedrooms on the site of an old garage, which is on sale for £7 million. It would be logical for whoever buys the main house to buy the second, he says.

Richard Croisthwaite, from the agents Knight Frank & Rutley, which are selling the house, says: "London has become the magnet of the very rich, who feel it is safe as the rest of the world becomes more dangerous. We have already had interest from half a dozen representatives and advisers of some of the world's richest people."



The plan shows the lavish interior on three floors of The Rectory, in the heart of Chelsea. The red outline marks the original early 18th-century building. The classical extensions were added during redevelopment over the past two years to create an eight-bedroom family home

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BY OUR PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ESTATE agents cannot recall a house which has sold recently for more than £20 million. The nearest was the sale of Grove House in Regent's Park, previously owned by Jane Holmes à Court, widow of the Australian entrepreneur. The house was put on the market for £17.5 million in January 1992, and was sold for close to the asking price to an unnamed buyer.

More recently, a white stucco house in Tregunter Road, Chelsea, whose façade hid a new mansion and underground swimming pool, was sold earlier this month for close to the £9 million asking price to the Thai ambassador.

Number 8 Hyde Park Gardens, west London, with magnificent reception rooms and views across the park, was put on the market in May for £10 million. It has yet to find a buyer.

In the country, prices generally fail to reach the same level. Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex eventually sold for about £5 million, after failing to attract a buyer at the original asking price of £20 million in 1990.

Heveningham Hall in Suffolk has been on the market for £4 million for more than 18 months. However, potential buyers have been daunted by the cost of repairs, estimated at £200,000.

Attorney-general defends Mills against Bar attack

BY FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

BARBARA Mills QC, the director of public prosecutions, went on the offensive yesterday in the face of accusations from some barristers about the incompetence of the Crown Prosecution Service and, by implication, her role as its head.

Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, the attorney-general, supported Mrs Mills and said she was taking the flak for concerns over the operation of the criminal justice system.

Mrs Mills accepted that some of the criticisms from the Bar stemmed from the wish of barristers to protect their monopoly of prosecution work in the crown court, which is now under threat from the CPS.

Some lawyers have suggested that she has been criticised as a woman in the limelight who, unlike most of her predecessors, has been willing to defend her actions publicly.

The attorney-general said criticisms of Mrs Mills were unjustified: "I have complete confidence in Barbara Mills. She is an excellent DPP. She is taking a lot of flak for some criticisms of the criminal justice system."

Yesterday Mrs Mills promised an investigation into a claim that someone charged with grievous bodily harm had been freed by the CPS and bound over to keep the peace. She dismissed as "completely inaccurate" the allegation that the CPS was trying to save money by bringing lesser charges against alleged offenders and pursuing prosecutions in the magistrates' rather than the crown courts.

"We have 6,000 people working as hard as they can to do their best and we are caught in the middle of rising crime on the one hand and falling cases in the courts on the other," she said. "We would come under equal criticism if cases were coming into the crown courts and being thrown out for lack of evidence."

Last week Mrs Mills faced calls to resign from the chairman of the London Police Federation and, at a Bar Council meeting on Saturday, fellow QCs said that while courts were standing idle, crime was "a boom industry".

There is bitterness in some quarters of the criminal Bar, which surfaced at the recent Bar dinner where a leading QC, Gilbert Gray, mockingly referred to Mrs Mills — who was sitting a few feet away — as "Babs, the commissar".

Mrs Mills said fewer cases were ending up in crown courts partly because cautioning had increased. She also said the CPS was referring fewer cases because it had been told to do so in guidelines from the Criminal Justice Consultative Council.

Boys go on trial for murder of Bulger

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO 11-year-old boys go on trial at Preston Crown Court today accused of the abduction and murder of the child James Bulger.

The defendants were aged ten when two-year-old James, from Kirkby, near Liverpool, disappeared during a trip with his mother Denise to the Strand Shopping Centre in Bootle on February 12. His body was discovered two days later more than two miles away, on a railway track in Walton, Liverpool.

The boys have been in the care of Liverpool City Council since their first appearance before South Sefton Magistrates in Bootle on charges of abducting and murdering James and trying to abduct another two-year-old boy earlier the same day.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, gave consent for the boys to be kept in separate secure accommodation pending their trial.

Both boys denied all three charges when they made a preliminary appearance before Liverpool Crown Court on May 14. The trial, to be heard before Mr Justice Morland, is expected to last between three and four weeks.

The judge has made an order prohibiting the two defendants or any child witnesses in the proceedings being named or identified.

The prosecution will be led by Richard Henriques QC, while David Turner QC and Brian Walsh QC will defend the two boys.

The accused pair will sit on a specially raised dais in the dock so they can see over the front rail and watch the proceedings.

There are more than 100 witnesses and, though much evidence will be in the form of read statements, it is thought that over 60 will give evidence in person.

Intense media and public interest has led to special arrangements being made. As well as journalists observing the case in court, proceedings will be relayed by audio link to correspondents in an annexe.

3,000 twitchers seek rare bird

BY JOHN YOUNG

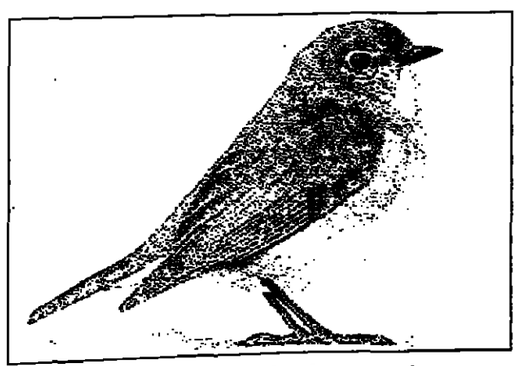
A SIBERIAN relative of the robin, last seen in mainland Britain some 15 years ago, yesterday stampeded bird-watchers into the nation's biggest twitch.

More than 3,000 enthusiasts surrounded a bush in a field near the village of Worth Matravers, Dorset, to glimpse a red-flanked bluetail. They had learnt of its arrival through the Birdline recorded message service.

Eric Dymond, who farms the land where the bird sought refuge, said the first twitchers arrived at 4.45am. "They woke me up with their headlights, but they are all behaving in a very polite fashion, queueing up to take turns to watch the bird hop from branch to branch."

He allocated a field for parking, inviting visitors to put £1.50 into an honesty box, raising money for a charity for the disabled.

The red-flanked bluetail, *Tarsiger cyanurus*, has been seen only a dozen times in Britain since the first recorded sighting in 1903. The last in mainland Britain was in Lincoln in 1978, although one was seen in the Shetlands last September.



A young bluetail, before its plummage changes

The brightly coloured bird nests in northern forests from Russia eastwards to Japan before migrating to South East Asia for the winter. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said the visitor to Dorset was born in the spring and became separated from its companions on its first flight south.

"There is no reason why it should not make it to Asia eventually," a spokesman said. "Given some luck, it should be OK."

The previous biggest twitch was in 1988 when just under 3,000 people descended upon a supermarket car park at Maidstone, Kent, to see a golden-winged warbler.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Dean and James Mills, five-year-old twins from Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, meet Stevie Wonder at the launch in London yesterday of a BT campaign to raise £100,000 for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The money will come from the sale of a series of BT phonecards showing the eyes of a mystery celebrity. As part of a national competition purchasers are asked to guess whose eyes are featured. Dean and James were among partially sighted children who met the blind American musician

Coach firm cuts fares in battle with rail

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE coach operator National Express today cuts some fares by up to 40 per cent in an aggressive price war against British Rail.

The company claims the reductions now make coach travel 30 per cent cheaper than a journey by rail and admits it is capitalising on public concern that some BR prices will rise by more than three times the rate of inflation on January 2.

National Express hopes the campaign will increase its 10.5 million annual passenger journeys by 5 per cent over the next year.

The new economy advance return ticket, which replaces the old Apex fare and must be booked seven days in advance, will mean savings of up to £12.50 between London and Scarborough, North Yorkshire (now £17.50), and of £7 between Plymouth and Manchester (now £30). The same journeys by rail would cost £39 and £42 if purchased in advance.

Keith Taylor, managing director of National Express, said: "Our research shows travellers are extremely price-sensitive and will switch from one form of transport to another if they can save money. We particularly appeal to the elderly who like the security of the coach and are not concerned about journey time, and to students who like our low fares."

The new fares are part of a restructuring programme to simplify the price structure for the National Express network of 1,300 destinations in England, Scotland and Wales.

Two weeks ago it was announced that train fares would rise by an average of 6 per cent on Network South-East and by 3 per cent on InterCity standard open fares.

However, InterCity first class and excursion fares are being frozen in an attempt to increase business.

John Prescott, former shadow transport secretary, said yesterday that a Labour government would renationalise the railways. Eighty per cent of the public wanted it to remain a British Rail system, he told BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost* programme.

Campaigners fight to halt decline of urban parks

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

■ A damning report by two leading historical societies alerts the government to the gradual destruction of city parks

A FIGHT to save historic urban parks has been launched by two leading societies, which claim these glories of Victorian design and civic pride are in terminal decline.

Financial cutbacks have turned once intricate flower beds and splendid tree-lined avenues into wastelands that are increasingly unmanaged, the Victorian Society and the Garden History Society claim.

Impressive statues, palm houses and listed buildings stand boarded up, burnt out or rotting in many historic parks, the societies claim. Other parks are being inceasingly whittled away by road widening schemes and developments such as car parks as local authorities attempt to raise finance for other services.

David Lambert, conservation officer at the Garden History Society in Wickwar, Avon, said a full survey had been too costly. However, the report had been compiled following a deluge of letters over the past 18 months from members worried at the accelerating rate of decline. It will be submitted to the environment department with eight recommendations on how to reverse the decline.

Mr Lambert said central government needed to boost funds to local authorities. "Unlike libraries or museums open spaces and parks are not a statutory responsibility. Whenever hard-pressed local authorities look for cuts, it is invariably the parks which are first."

Mr Lambert said that once decline set in it made parks more vulnerable to re-development as people had learnt to care less about a once treasured open space.

The societies argue that the traditional inner city and historic park is just as vital in modern life as it was in the late 18th century. A well tended and well supervised park should be at the heart of urban renewal, said Mr Lambert.

Dr Hazel Conway, a co-author of the report and a member of the Victorian Society, said some London parks had been enjoying a renaissance. In Battersea park the council had reinstated Victorian-style railings and where there are proposals to recreate the park's splendid flower beds. "Wandsworth council, which owns Battersea park, has the funds. For others it ends up being a choice between such things as the local swimming pools and old folks homes or the parks. Parks do not generate revenue so they are often the first to suffer."

The report includes the grade A-listed pavilion by Sir Joseph Paxton, in Baxter park, Dundee, which has been boarded up and covered in graffiti.

Vandalism at the People's park in Halifax, West Yorkshire, a Grade II listed park, has forced the council to encase scores of fine statues in plywood.

At Prince's park, Liverpool, the boathouse is a burnt shell and at Stanley park the palm house is derelict. The timber framed boathouse at Sefton park, designed by Lewis Hornblower, is also boarded up. Many statues in the park, including J. M. Foley's 1876 statue of William Rathbone, have been vandalised or beheaded.

At Penn Inn park, Newton Abbot, Devon, a supermarket has been developed and recently Bitton park in Teignmouth, Devon, lost a fifth of its land to a housing development. Leazes park in Newcastle was partly re-developed as a car park.

In Queen's park, Swindon, Wiltshire, the flower garden has this year been abandoned. Once famous flower displays in other parks are also disappearing, including those at Philips park in Manchester.

Earlier this year Lambeth council in south London voted to suspend its bedding-out programme, the report claims.

The two societies are to submit a series of recommendations to the government which they hope might halt the decline of parks.

The recommendations include the setting up of a review on the role and use of the nation's public parks mirroring one recently established for the Royal Parks of London.

They are also demanding that urban renewal programmes include parks and that the government reviews its funding of councils so that parks are given greater priority.

□ *Public Prospects. Historic Urban Parks Under Threat.* (The Victorian Society, £5)



Battersea park in London, seen here in 1867, is being restored to its former glory

Body found dumped on waste land

A murder hunt has begun after the decomposing body of a man aged about 45 was found on waste land in east London. The victim, who is believed to be from Pakistan, died from asphyxiation and stab wounds.

Police think they know who he was but are witholding details until his identity has been confirmed and relatives traced. The body had been dumped some days before a resident discovered it next to a sports field in Leyton. No weapon has been found or motive established.

Firework burns

An enquiry began after ten children were treated for burns when they were hit by fireworks during a display at Aintree racecourse, Liverpool, on Saturday night. A girl aged eight has 4 per cent burns to her chest and arms.

Death fall

James Roffe, 32, of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, fell 100 ft to his death while exploring waterfalls at Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Clwyd. His body was lifted by helicopter from a ravine ledge.

Deportees back

Two Kurds aged 28 and 33 deported from Britain on Friday were returned after The Netherlands refused entry. The men say they were tortured in their native Turkey.

Hooked on fish

The most common children's pet is a goldfish, owned by 33 per cent of 1,300 youngsters in an RSPCA magazine survey. Nineteen per cent had a cat and 13 per cent a dog.

Student dies

An 18-year-old student at Sheffield University died in hospital from meningococcal meningitis. Last year the infection affected 19 people in the city.

Bond winners

National Savings Premium Bond draw: £100,000 prize, bond 25CP 982730 (winner lives overseas, value of holding £10,000): £50,000, 16DP 007904 (Stevenage, £5,161): £25,000, 3EW 978448 (London borough of Tower Hamlets, £5).

Parents step up war on maintenance

BY EDWARD GORMAN

***Edward Gorman** profiles a fledgling group determined to force on the government changes to the Child Support Agency*

MALCOLM Jones, a divisional commander of Lincolnshire fire brigade and former policeman, looked weary after his first three weeks of battle with the Child Support Agency. Standing before his troops in a pub at Bracebridge Heath, Lincolnshire, he issued a final rallying call.

"I can't believe we have established such momentum in so short a time," he tells the 30 founding committee members of Absent Parents Asking for Reasonable Treatment (Apart). "I can't see how it can end in anything but a fundamental change of mind by the CSA. Keep writing," he urged. "Keep lobbying. Write to the Queen if you want."

Mr Jones and his second wife Julie established the group last month after they received forms from the agency saying the maintenance bill for his first wife and 14-year-old son would increase from £200 a month to nearly £500.

Mr Jones was furious and decided to launch the campaign. "I've done it to stop going round the bend," he said. "We were angry when we realised we were regarded as a priority by the agency, having already made arrangements for my child."

After coverage of their plight in the local paper, the phone started ringing. Then the national media publicised the case and the plans for the new group, and letters started pouring in. Mrs Jones, who also works for the fire brigade, replies to about five letters a day from desperate people, some contemplating suicide.

All were paying maintenance to their first wives and appeared to support the agency's original aims of tracking down absent fathers who have never paid. Most had had no idea they would be contacted by the agency. Having married again and started new families, they say they cannot afford large increases in monthly maintenance bills. There was a palpable sense of anger at the meeting — a feeling of injustice and that a good idea had gone horribly wrong.

Unlike many of her correspondents, Mrs Jones believes she and her husband will be able to find the money for their maintenance bill, although it would leave them with no disposable income. "We will survive," she said, "but there are many people who just can't because they haven't got the spare cash."

In three weeks Apart has set up groups at Lincoln, Spalding, Grantham, Sleaford and Horncastle in Lincolnshire; Newark and Nottingham in Nottinghamshire and Grimsby on Humberside, and hopes to establish more. The Lincoln committee is already discussing plans for a public meeting later this week, expected to attract up to 300 people. A constitution and an information database will also be established. A mission statement calling for a formal review of the agency to make it fair for absent parents and their children will also be announced.

Mr Jones outlined its four principle objectives: to end the rigid formula by which new maintenance bills are calculated; to achieve a system that leaves second families with sufficient money to manage; to have all new maintenance payments phased in to allow people time to adjust; and to ensure that so-called "clean-break" arrangements made before the agency was established are taken into account when new bills are calculated.

Mr Jones said the government should recognise that it had made a mistake and that it should rectify the problem quickly. By doing so the government would gain credibility, not lose it, he said. "I'd support the CSA in an amended form, but you can't support it as it is at the moment," he said.

Rules place strain on second marriage

BY EDWARD GORMAN

DUNCAN Stacey, a warehouseman from Spalding, Lincolnshire, hardly fits the image of a whingeing middle-class father.

Mr Stacey, 35, earns £170 a week. He divorced his first wife in 1987 and has since been paying £20 a week maintenance to support their son Kyle, now 9.

His maintenance bill was relatively low because his earnings are low and because he went to court to agree a clean break with his wife.

She received £21,000, the entire contents of the house, where she still lives, and the family car. He started life again with two suitcases and £9,000 in his pocket. After things were sorted out, his solicitor told him he could now consider that chapter of his life to be over.

Until now. The Child Support Agency has been in touch with him and although he has not yet received a final assessment, he looks likely to have to pay from £25 to £31 a week under the new rules.

Mr Stacey, an articulate man who has become a founder-member of the absent parents' lobby group Apart, is frightened. His second marriage is under strain and any plans he and his wife had to start a new family cannot be considered at present.

"We love each other," he said. "We have a partnership. We are good friends. She understands me and I understand her but little things can creep in, little arguments can start. She cries with worry. It's the last thing you think about at night before you go to bed and the first thing you think about when you get up."

Mr Stacey says the new demand will end luxuries and fears his home might eventually be repossessed. There will be no treats for Kyle.

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Cash-wise film-makers put Britain back in the frame



A scene from *Much Ado About Nothing*

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

■ A revival in the film industry's fortunes continues as directors and producers allow their commercial instincts to take over

THE British film industry is being revived by a new breed of commercially minded film-maker whose work is gaining international attention and making money.

The London Film Festival gets underway on Thursday and the talk, for once, is optimistic. The British cinema section, which opens with the latest Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson film, *The Remains of the Day*, reflects the excitement.

Its centrepiece, *White Angel*, a pychological thriller directed by newcomer Chris Jones, is one of many new films which are both commercial and British.

Anthony Minghella, the writer and director famous for *Truly, Madly, Deeply*, is leading the commercially-minded film-makers. His new work, *Mr Wonderful*, has taken £23,000 in its first three days at a few selected cinemas in the UK — more per cinema than the American hit *In the Line of Fire*.

Other young film-makers are turning their back on the established British film institutions and helping each other find new investors. The first UK film market for independent film-makers and major distributors took place in London earlier this month.

The Raindance Film Market screened some 30 feature films, many by unknowns. Buyers from more than 40 worldwide distribution companies attended, including scouts from the big Hollywood companies.

The interest has been fed by a handful of recent British films which have achieved box office success in America and Europe: *Truly, Madly, Deeply*, *Howard's End*, *Enchanted April*, *Hear My Song*, *The Crying Game*, *Raining Stones* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Two things have changed. British film-makers are more willing to get "commercial" about their product, and distributors are more willing to screen British films for mass audiences.

Jamie Ader-Brown, one of the Raindance organisers, said a definite shift in attitude was taking place. "A new generation of film-makers are emerging who are extremely eager to make movies that lots of people see. The Americans think it is all happening over here right now. Over the last three years British films have been more commercially viable than equally low-budget independent American films.

"Marketing is the key and the British are willing to co-operate."

Finance is still a problem and the infrastructure to make American-style blockbusters in Britain no longer exists. Film-makers scrape budgets together and rely heavily on money from television companies.

Most British films are backed by television channels, usually Channel 4 and the BBC, although BSkyB recently announced a £10 million commitment to film-making. David Aukin, head of drama and film commissioning at Channel 4, acknowledged the "new mood abroad among film-makers".

Raining Stones, a Channel 4 feature film directed by Ken Loach and produced by Sally Hibbins, is showing at a selection of cinemas around the country, which would have been unthinkable several years ago when most UK films were confined to London or specialist houses.

Ms Hibbins said: "The release of *Raining Stones* has been far easier than Ken's last film *Riff Raff*. There is a changed attitude among distributors and British films are flavour of the month."

□ Ealing Studios, famous for films such as *The Ladykillers* and *The Lavender Hill Mob*, may yet retain its former glory if plans drawn up by the owners attract investors. BBRK, which bought the studios three years ago, hopes to make up to ten films a year with funds raised through a Business Expansion Scheme.

In a separate move, Hammer Films is to return to making the horror films for which it was once internationally acclaimed.

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Undercover agents crack down on £20m phone-box gangs

By Tony Dawe

GANGS of thieves whose raids were threatening the future of Britain's telephone boxes have been trapped in secret operations involving police and BT agents.

Undercover teams have made hundreds of arrests in several cities. Last week, plain-clothes officers from the Northumbria force joined BT investigators to target a gang operating in Sunderland and South Tyneside.

In the past financial year there were 55,000 attacks costing BT £20 million. The phone company considered cutting the number of pay phones. Instead it decided to fight back, enlisting the support of police and magistrates by convincing them that the attacks were by professional criminals and were cutting community links with the emergency services.

Today BT will announce that attacks have been almost halved in the first six months and arrests are up by 58 per cent. Patricia Vaz, BT's pay-phones director, said: "These figures send a clear message to those who target our boxes and threaten our customers' service: we are watching you, we are tracking you and with the help of police and magistrates we will make sure you are caught and punished."

Thieves have replaced vandals as the main threat to phone boxes. Nearly a quarter of the country's 100,000 boxes were out of action five years ago because of vandalism. The introduction of tougher and better-positioned boxes deterred vandals but not, it seems, thieves.

Robert, a BT undercover agents on patrol on Tyneside last week, said: "If a gang does 20 boxes in a night, it can collect £1,000, which represents good takings for little risk. If thieves target petrol stations or building societies, they will get only a few thousand pounds more and will face surveillance cameras and cashiers."

One gang from Northampton hired a car to hit scores of boxes in the West Country and collected so many coins that its members sent them back home by the Red Star parcel service. The situation reached a peak last December when 6,500 boxes were robbed, 400 of them in Manchester. BT launched its campaign in the city, committing a third of its 60 investigators and briefing every police officer in Manchester.

As each shift went on duty, the BT agents advised officers to look out for specially-adapted drills and jacks and a newly-discovered tool consisting of two pincers which grip the side of the cash container while a steel bar is screwed through the lock in the middle.

Likely targets were fed with marked coins and alarmed so that a control centre would be alerted the moment a cash compartment was attacked. In six weeks, there were 45 arrests in Manchester and attacks dropped from 400 a month to fewer than ten. The most vulnerable boxes were fitted with stronger cash compartments, made of case-hardened steel.

Dennis Gotts, BT's leading investigator, said: "The success of the campaign across the country means that many phone boxes which were almost always out of action because of the thieves are now available to the public all the time. Even a pair of boxes in St Chad's Parade, Kirkby, Merseyside, which were the most attacked in Britain, have been left alone since the campaign started."

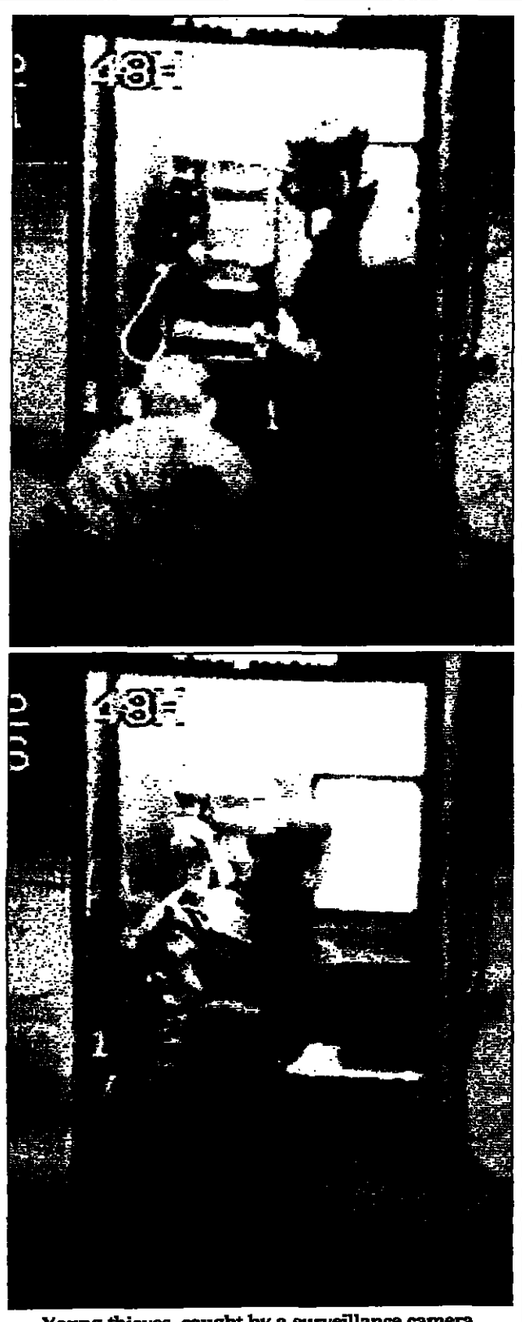
BT briefed magistrates on the scale of pay-phone crime. "We explained how much each attack could cost the company and the community at large," Mr Gotts said. "It is not a victimless crime, because people who need to make urgent calls suffer from it, and it deserves tough sentences."

HOW COURTS ARE GETTING TOUGH

The Hexham gang: Norman Coe, 33, Michael Elliott, 30, and John Lambert, 27, of Hexham, Northumberland, were each jailed for three years in February for stealing £260 from phone boxes in southwest Scotland. All had several previous convictions for pay-phone crime.

The Liverpool gang: Stephen Jones, 34, and Paul Miller, 33, were jailed for six months and Eileen Lackey, 22, Miller's niece, for four months in June for stealing from phone boxes. They had hired a car and driven to London to carry out raids as well as attacking boxes in Liverpool.

Scunthorpe: Richard Stanley, 39, of Sandiacre, Derbyshire, raided three phone boxes in Scunthorpe ten days after serving three months for the same offence. Police found a container with £177 in coins, a hand drill and other tools in his car. He was jailed in September for a year.



Young thieves, caught by a surveillance camera, attacking a telephone kiosk on Merseyside

Freehold law change comes into effect

By Rachel Kelly
Property Correspondent

LEGISLATION allowing most of the country's 750,000 flat leaseholders to buy their freeholds or extend their leases comes into effect today.

However, the change to property law — the most important since 1925, according to the Law Society — could prove so expensive and complicated that only a brave few will be likely to take advantage of it, property experts say.

Jon Gooding, of the agents Jackson-Stops & Staff, advised against rushing to buy a freehold. "Owning a freehold could prove very expensive, and qualifying tenants are going to incur heavy costs for advice whether or not the deal proceeds."

Gerry Fox, of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, said leaseholders should consider the cost of buying the freehold and how it is to be split between the leaseholders; the management of the block after the freehold has been bought; the desired standard of maintenance or any improvements to the building; and the relationship with non-participating leaseholders who will become their tenants.

The act says that flat owners who wish to buy a freehold must act together. Once they acquire the freehold, they take responsibility for maintaining the property. The first step is for all leaseholders to agree to act. They must serve a notice on their landlord announcing their plans to buy the freehold and adhere to a timetable for providing the landlord with information. The act also gives flat owners the right cheap 90-year lease extensions.

The environment department, which has issued a booklet, *Leasehold flats*, stresses the need for professional advice.

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SOME of the leading practitioners of public sector reform in Britain and America will meet in London next month at the New Paradigm Conference to discuss the lessons and principles of reinventing government.

The speakers include William Waldegrave, the minister for open government and the Citizen's Charter; James Pinkerton, senior aide to Presidents Bush and Reagan; and the *New Republic*'s Mickey Kaus, Robert Skidelsky and David Willetts, MP.

They and others will discuss the New Paradigm — a bi-partisan approach to reforming the role of government based on decentralisation and empowering individuals — and how it is transforming the health, education and welfare systems on both sides of the Atlantic.

A further speaker will be Bret Schundler, a young politician whose election as mayor of Jersey City caused a sensation, and who has put the New Paradigm theory into practice in one of America's toughest urban areas.

Readers of *The Times* are invited to attend the conference on Wednesday, December 1, at One Great George Street, London SW1, beginning at 9am for 9.30am. Tickets cost £99 each, or £134 including lunch.

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The lesson Thatcher failed to learn: quit before your policies go stale

James Pinkerton, political staff director in the Reagan and Bush administrations, points to the dangers of long incumbency

The Times Essay

Americans are intrigued by the controversy over Baroness Thatcher's memoirs. But the storm over Lady Thatcher's pointed comments about her colleagues threatens to overwhelm the more enduring lessons to be learnt from her rise and fall.

That is unfortunate, because her 11 years as prime minister remind us of the need for incumbents to renew their mandate with fresh thinking. In a democracy, politicians are elected with a stockpile of political capital — their mandate. Naturally, incumbents play their best cards first. However, early victories with high cards do not mean they can win forever with any card.

Mrs Thatcher's ace in 1979 was her pledge to undo bureaucratic paternalism. In her first four years, she was able to trump her opposition with new ideas translated into popular policies, including restraint of trade union power. But any organisation must fight the tendency to accumulate over the years a brain-dead *nomenklatura*.

By the late 1980s it became increasingly apparent, on both sides of the Atlantic, that the dominant right-of-centre parties were tired.

The Republicans seemed to think they could sell anything to the voters: arms-for-hostages, a callow vice-presidential choice, a promise-breaking tax increase. When some argued that the Grand Old Party should develop a post-Reagan agenda, the smug response was that the "Republican lock" on the electoral college would guarantee victory in 1992 over Mario Cuomo no matter what the Bush administration did wrong.

While she never dealt herself the likes of Oliver North or Dan Quayle, Mrs Thatcher stubbornly clung to high interest rates, arcane monetary haggles with the rest of Europe, and the regressive poll tax. It was this late-term luxuriating in bad policies that brought her down. Had she stepped down after two parliaments, in 1987, she would have been remembered as quitting at the peak.

American politicians too fall into the same trap of "incumbentitis". The longer they rule, the more lazy and/or arrogant they often become. Neglectful of the need for a renewed popular mandate, they content themselves with reshuffling tired policies. Thus the Grand Old Party was unprepared last year, when the Democrats, showing a rare interest in winning the White House, nominated a Southern moderate instead of the hoped-for Northern liberal. The Bush campaign manager Robert Teeter complained about the "bricks in our backpack" — the dud policies that a dozen years of incumbency had piled on President Bush. The 1990 budget deal was not the only problem. Mr Bush wasn't totally opposed to limits on assault weapons, waiting periods for handgun purchases, or bans on "cop killer" bullets; it just seemed that way, thanks to his party's alliance with the National Rifle Association. Similarly, the Republican embrace of the right-to-life faction exacerbated the "gender gap". Mr Bush personally was probably willing to strike a deal on these issues. But past platforms, commitments and winked agreements crowded out his room to manoeuvre.

The book *Hell of a Ride*, by John Podhoretz, captures the cosiness of the Bush White House before the November deluge, when the president became "progressively more tone deaf" to the voices of the people. Defeat is the dozing politicians' final wake-up call.

The conundrum of modern conservatism, in America and Britain, is that, for all the anti-government rhetoric coming from the top, social welfare spending went up rapidly in the 1980s. Yet dependency, teenage pregnancy, and crime all increased. The opposition left pointed to alleged "cuts" in social welfare spending as the cause of this decay. But there were few, if any, aggregate cuts, just a slight shaving off from the ever-rising trajectory of the budgetary "baseline".

The picture, to the average voter, was this: social problems are getting worse. The left says the problem is heartless budget-cutting. The right takes credit for non-existent reductions. Then, with no rationale, the right raises taxes. The stated purpose was to keep the deficit down, but the deficit in fact goes up.

Conservatives have sometimes been willing to fight overspending, but they usually lose because of one fact not found in their philosophy: people *do* want society to guarantee some minimum standard of well-being, and they are willing to tax and spend so that everyone gets it.

The voters say society has an obligation to give every citizen a chance at education, health care, housing and so on. The voters did not say: hire bureaucrats to run all these programmes from London or Washington. Yet solving problems is precisely what centralised bureaucracies cannot do in the information age.

Given the advanced sclerosis of the bureaucracy, there is little connection nowadays between fiscal cause and social effect. More spending simply enriches the providing New Class and leaves the intended recipients worse off.

The Republican party plainly needed a rest. It is our hope that, rather than sulking in its tent, the party will come out on to the plains of intellectual combat with new weaponry — a commitment to the global economy, to limited government, but also to choice, empowerment, and colour-blind upward mobility for all.

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Youths claim boredom is main cause of juvenile crime

The results of a survey published today appear to reinforce government plans to toughen law and order policies

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 80 per cent of young people believe boredom is the reason behind juvenile crime, according to a survey published today. With just 40 per cent suggesting that social disadvantage influences crime, the findings are likely to be seized upon by politicians keen to discredit the notion that deprivation drives teenagers to offend.

The survey also discloses that adults questioned want greater discipline and punishment of juveniles at home and in schools to curb youth crime. Almost 60 per cent of youths aged between 13 and 17 said one reason for juvenile crime was the belief that offenders would be let off with a police warning.

The study of 980 young people and 428 adults from Crosby, Merseyside, and Guildford, Surrey, conducted by Gallup, will reinforce government plans to toughen law and order policies with less cautioning, more use of prisons and greater emphasis on right and wrong. The survey, commissioned by General Accident, has been sent to the prime minister and home secretary, who are pressing for more emphasis on punishment and less on understanding the reasons for criminal behaviour.

One parent said: "If young people do steal anything and they know they are only going to get a warning when they are caught, word passes around that, for your first offence, you're only going to get a warning."

The study shows that 64 per cent of adults want a return to corporal punishment in schools and 61 per cent want more emphasis on punishment for criminal behaviour. "These results show that a return to the old-fashioned approach of dealing with errant youth, based on greater discipline and punishment particularly in the home or schools, would be the most welcome measures for adults where reducing youth crime is concerned," the report says.

Colin, 14, from Guildford, told Gallup that he got a buzz out of criminal activity. "When I lived in Ascot we used to go to a music market and we must have stolen about 20,000 fags and sold them for about £1 a packet. You got such a buzz doing it."

The survey found that 81 per cent of juveniles thought youth crime resulted from boredom, 73 per cent from the need to "get a buzz", 75 per cent because of peer pressure, 70 per cent because of poor job prospects and 61 per cent from a lack of parental discipline.

Marked changes in the acceptability of certain crimes were found. Under-age sex, carrying offensive weapons and taking soft drugs were acceptable. Other offences were found to be "semi-acceptable". Two in five teenagers believe sex at 15 is acceptable, with little difference between boys and girls.

Two in five juveniles consider carrying an offensive weapon acceptable. Only a minority of teenagers condemned putting graffiti on public buildings and private property and one in ten regarded shoplifting from supermarkets or corner shops as "acceptable".

MICHAEL POWELL



David Buck, a marine biologist from Hull University, measures and sexes crabs on the quayside at Wells

Scientists expose private life of the crab

BY NIGEL BURNHAM

AN armada of fishing boats left the Norfolk port of Wells-next-the-Sea yesterday at the start of a £250,000 survey of the life and times of the North Sea crab. Eighteen boats carrying 18 marine biologists from the Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies at Hull University were launching the most comprehensive survey of a crab fishery conducted in British waters.

By teatime they had covered the entire fishery — a massive square centred on Race Bank, extending 30 miles north of Wells and Cromer — and returned to port with 7,000 crabs captured in 25 pots at each of 70 different locations. The project, financed by the agriculture ministry, has been commissioned by the National Rivers Authority which, in charge of coastal flooding measures, wants to dredge sand from Race Bank in order to "nourish" eroded areas of the coast, but neither the authority nor the ministry wants to take the sand if it will damage the crab industry.

"This is a crucial test case," said Professor John Pethwick, director of the Hull's coastal studies institute. "The new MAFF strategy is for Britain's coastal defences to turn away from hard engineering solutions, such as concrete, in favour of soft engineering. The problem is that sand is becoming increasingly difficult to get hold of."

For Colin Scott, the project manager for the institute, this is a unique opportunity to discover more about the lives of crabs in one of the most important crab fisheries in Britain. Back in Wells harbour, Mr Scott and his team set about measuring, sexing and tagging the crabs. The operation will repeated on a smaller scale ten times during the next year. Fisherman who catch tagged crabs will be given a £3 reward for each tag they send to the ministry.

Chicken soup is 'all label and no meat'

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THERE is so little chicken in some chicken soups that the amount of added flavourings and salt often exceeds meat, according to a Food Commission survey published today.

The survey of 20 top-selling packet chicken soups discovered that some contained no meat at all while others contained so little that 130 cups of the soup would provide only one ounce of meat.

Dr Tim Lobstein, the report's author, said yesterday that consumers were being misled by soup manufacturers and called on the government to tighten labelling regulations.

Packet soups made for Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsbury, Safeway, Gateway, Knorr, Crosse & Blackwell, Boots, Bachelors, Symingtons and Osem all contained more salt than chicken.

Dr Lobstein said: "There is no law requiring manufacturers to state the amount of real chicken they put in their soups. Chicken is often the largest word on the packet, but the smallest ingredient. There is a loophole in the food labelling laws. Other products containing meat must show the percentage of meat. This does not apply to soups. I believe manufacturers should be made to declare the meat content of soups to encourage them to change their recipes and improve standards."

The report, published in *The Food Magazine*, examined ten brands of canned soup and 20 packet soups. Canned soups fared a little better, with all of the ten top-selling brands containing more chicken than salt or flavouring, but the total quantity of chicken in a serving ranged from one quarter to one half of an ounce.

Both Sainsbury and Boots declined to comment. A spokeswoman for the Consumers' Association said: "We have always been in favour of full nutritional labelling."

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Entertaining end to gripping duel

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE final day of *The Times* World Chess Championship at the Savoy Theatre concluded with a variety of fascinating chess entertainments, including a consultation game between the Channel 4 commentary team on the one side, and Short and Kasparov on the other, as well as a game onstage between Daniel Johnson, literary editor of *The Times*, and Nigel Short.

Daniel Johnson, like Dominic Lawson and Martin Amis, is one of those figures who could well have been a master player at chess had they concentrated on the game, rather than turning to literary pursuits. In the game which follows, Johnson defends well until move 28, when a lapse enables Short to break through, win material and deliver checkmate in swift succession.

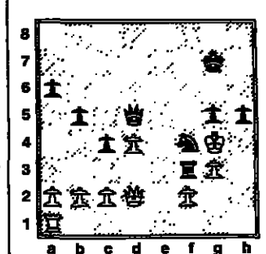
White: Daniel Johnson

Black: Nigel Short

Five-minute game

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	exd5	exd5
4	Bd3	c5
5	Nf3	c4
6	Be2	Bd6
7	0-0	Ne7
8	Re1	0-0
9	Bg5	Nbc6
10	Nc3	f6
11	Bh4	a6
12	Bg3	b5
13	Qd2	Bg4
14	Nd1	Bxg3
15	hxg3	Qd7
16	Ne3	Be6
17	Nh4	g5
18	Nf3	Rae8
19	Nh2	Kg7
20	g4	Ng6
21	g3	Nce7
22	Bf3	h6
23	Kg2	f5
24	gxf5	Nxf5
25	Nxf5+	Bxf5
26	Rxe8	Rxe8
27	Nf1	Rf8
28	Ne3	Bh3+
29	Kh2	Rxf3
30	Nxd5	Qxd5
31	Kxh3	Nf4+
32	Kg4	h5 mate



Readers are invited to submit their own games for possible publication in this column. Games should be sent to me c/o Championship Chess, *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN.

The Times World Chess Championship was a match full of sensational, gripping, even bloodthirsty play of a quality rarely seen before. The official book of the match (*Kasparov v Short*, 1993, Batsford) is now available. Copies can be ordered from *The Times* at £7.99 including p&p. Credit card holders can order direct on 0937 541149 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) while orders by post should go to *The Times*, Raymond Keene Offer, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9XA. The book includes exclusive interviews taken from *The Times*'s exclusive access to Kasparov and Short during the championship.

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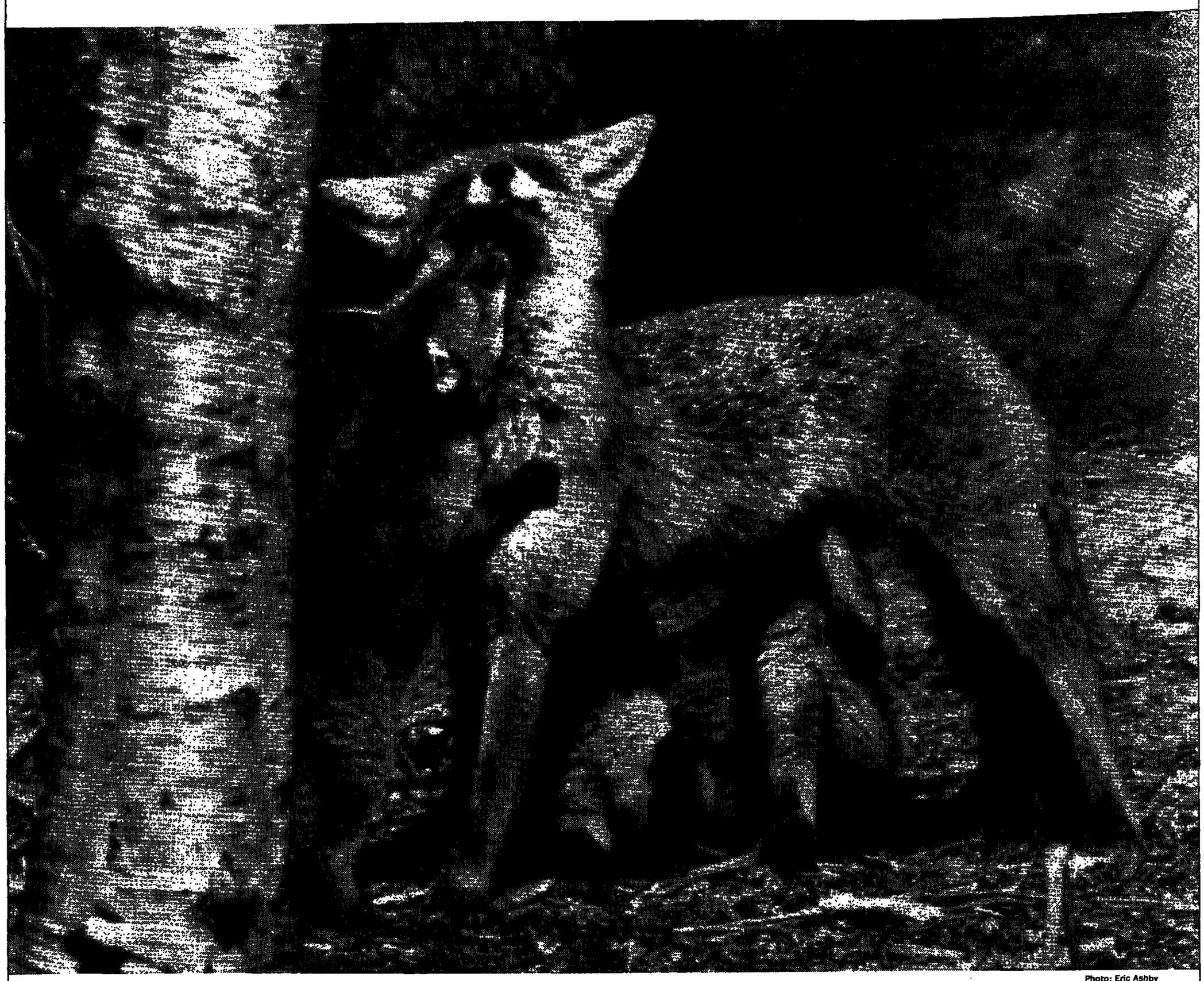


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Hunting foxes, so the hunters say, keeps down numbers. According to them, the fox is vermin; a pest whose population would quickly get out of hand were it not for their heroic, mounted intervention.

That this is arrant nonsense makes the annual savaging to death of between twelve and twenty thousand foxes even more unforgivable. The fact is, when it comes to population control, Britain's red fox is an example to us all.

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Left in peace, in other words, the fox population is self regulating. No, fox hunting has little to do with numbers.

When you think about it, it's hardly in the best interests of an animal at the top of its food chain to produce more and more competitors for the same amount of food.

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Arabs stoned as settlers seek revenge

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BET EL, WEST BANK

ANGRY Israelis went on the rampage in Arab areas for a third day yesterday, after settlers buried a murdered resident of this community and vowed to launch a "Jewish intifada [uprising]".

In some of the worst violence since the peace agreement was signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation six weeks ago, thousands of settlers throughout the West Bank attacked and harassed Palestinians in revenge for the murder of Haim Mizrahi, kidnapped on Friday by members of the radical Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas.

The heavily armed men blocked main roads, burnt tyres and stoned Arab vehicles, as well as mounting noisy demonstrations outside the private home and official residence of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister. In separate incidents, an Arab worker was shot and killed yesterday after he attacked his Israeli employee with a knife in Gaza, while on Saturday, in the West Bank town of Qalqiliya, Palestinians killed a "collaborator" accused of selling land to Israelis.

The Israeli coalition government condemned the murder, but also criticised the settlers' revenge attacks, with one cabinet minister, Uzi Baram, accusing the Jewish zealots of "a rebellion aimed at thwarting the peace process".

Mr Rabin is concerned that settlers could revive the so-called "Jewish underground" which carried out attacks against Palestinian leaders a decade ago, or that continued attacks against the settlers could damage public support for his peace deal, particularly future security arrangements.



Rabin: attacks could damage his peace deal

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UN weapons team gives Iraq all-clear

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN BAGHDAD

A UNITED Nations team of weapons experts has ended its inspection of Iraq's military programmes. Nikita Smidovich, team leader, said they found no evidence that Iraq was violating a UN ban on weapons of mass destruction.

His team of 50 experts in ballistic, chemical and biological weapons arrived in Baghdad at the end of September.

"The findings are that we have not found any prohibited items," he said, after visits to several sites. He added that the findings would be reported to the United Nations Security Council, which Baghdad has called on to lift the three-year-old embargo imposed on Iraq by the world community after its invasion of Kuwait.

"All future inspections will take into account the results of this inspection," Mr Smidovich said, noting that the Iraqi authorities had provided "all the support required" for his mission.

Smears mar campaign that might settle future of Israel-PLO accord

Kollek pledges peace for Jerusalem

BY RICHARD BEESTON

LINGER in any of Jerusalem's streets long enough these days and a dignified octogenarian is more than likely to appear shaking hands with the public and chatting to shopkeepers.

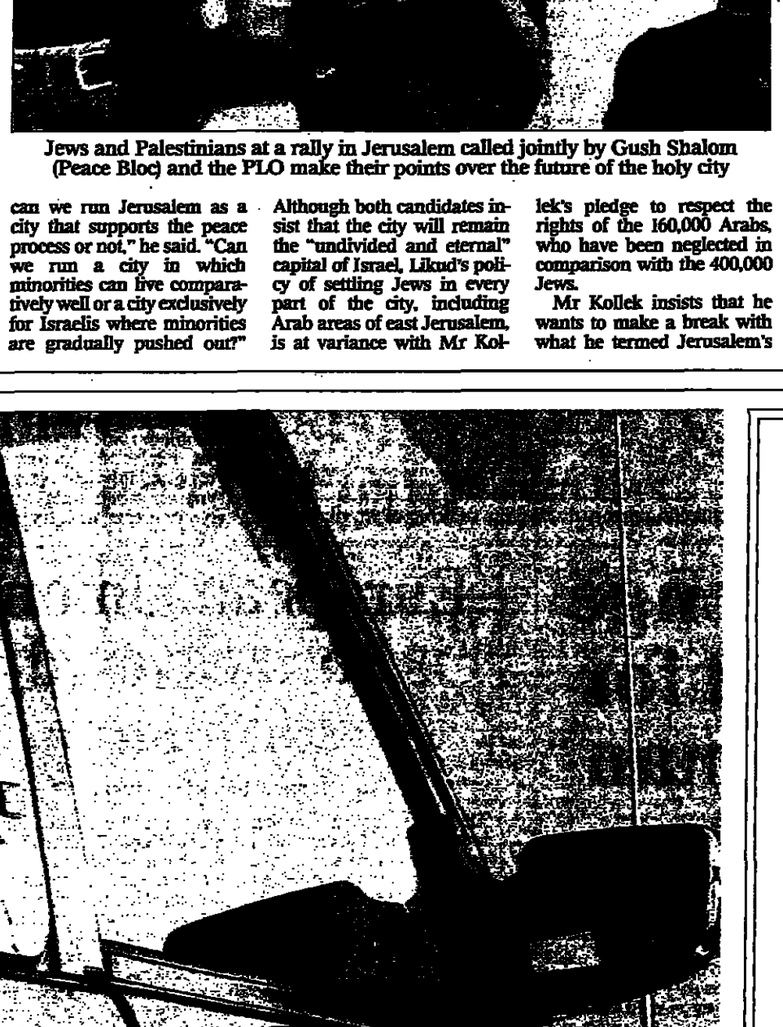
At 82, Teddy Kollek might be a little slower on his feet than he used to be, but Jerusalem's mayor has lost none of the popular appeal that makes him the favourite in his seventh, and final, campaign to head one of the world's most diverse cities.

"I am a little annoyed by the fact that people think I only work at elections," the mayor said, as he listed the 12 appointments in his diary, part of a gruelling 14-hour day of campaign appearances and municipal duties.

The Viennese-born mayor, who has run the holy city for nearly 30 years, accepts that he is facing the toughest battle of his career and that the outcome could well determine the fate of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. Under the agreement signed last month, the future status of the city, widely regarded as the thorniest issue on the agenda, will be negotiated within the coming two years.

The campaign has been one of the dirtiest ever fought at a local level in Israeli politics. Ehud Olmert, the opposition Likud Party candidate and a former cabinet minister, has accused the incumbent of being too old for the job and of trying to buy votes from Arab residents, a charge based on a telephone conversation between Mr Kollek and his deputy, taped by a Likud supporter. In return, Mr Kollek's campaign has resurrected allegations of financial misconduct by Mr Olmert, 48, stretching back more than a decade to when the lawyer first entered politics.

Despite the name-calling, the smear campaigns and the odd fist fight between young activists, Mr Kollek insisted that the real challenge facing the city has so far been overlooked. "The real issue is: can we run Jerusalem as a city that supports the peace process or not," he said. "Can we run a city in which minorities can live comparatively well or a city exclusively for Israelis where minorities are gradually pushed out?"



Jews and Palestinians at a rally in Jerusalem called jointly by Gush Shalom (Peace Bloc) and the PLO make their points over the future of the holy city

Although both candidates insist that the city will remain the "undivided and eternal" capital of Israel, Likud's policy of settling Jews in every part of the city, including Arab areas of east Jerusalem, is at variance with Mr Kollek's pledge to respect the rights of the 160,000 Arabs, who have been neglected in comparison with the 400,000 Jews.

Mr Kollek insists that he wants to make a break with what he termed Jerusalem's "cruel tradition", in which wave after wave of conquering armies, starting with the Babylonians and continuing with the Romans, Muslims and Crusaders, have destroyed the culture and religion of the conquered and supplanted it with their own.

For most Palestinians, however, neither candidate comes anywhere near meeting the aspirations of most of the Arab population, which has consistently boycotted the elections. They have instead demanded that east Jerusalem, captured and annexed by Israel in the 1967 war, must be returned to Arab control and that the city should become the dual capital of Israel and a future Palestinian state.

Although Mr Kollek has dismissed the idea as a recipe for yet another war, he is prepared to grant greater autonomy to Arab neighbourhoods and will appeal this weekend to the Palestinians to lift their boycott and help the ruling left-wing Labour Party to retain control of Jerusalem. If not, a council dominated by the right could begin undermining the delicate trust being fostered between Arab and Jew.

"I would hate to see someone from Likud come to head the Jerusalem council," said Othman Hallak, the editor of the Arabic *An-Nahar* daily newspaper that is published in east Jerusalem. "It would raise the temperature in this city."

His remarks were made partly as a response to a controversial advertising campaign launched by Mr Olmert, who warned voters that the re-election of Mr Kollek would bring an influx of 300,000 Arabs into the city and an increase in theft, rape, drug trafficking and other serious crimes.

The right-wing challenger was clearly trying to capitalise on the fears of Jerusalem's Jewish voters, but the Kollek campaign has managed to turn round the advertisement and use it to his advantage by playing on Arab fears.

Cairo says terror led by exiles in Europe

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

EGYPT claimed yesterday that the worsening campaign of violence to overthrow the pro-Western government of President Mubarak was being masterminded by Islamic militants now in exile or hiding in various parts of Europe.

According to the semi-official Cairo daily *Al-Ahram*, Major General Abdel Rehim al-Nahhas, the assistant interior minister, said: "Security organs are watching the movements of fugitive elements of the terrorists and their leaders in certain European countries which they take as a centre for their activity and communication with their elements in Egypt."

The change of locale for the organising brains behind the main Islamic groups battling to impose an Iranian-style theocracy comes after Egypt took action to cut communications links with the main bases of the Afghan-trained exiles such as Peshawar.

Yesterday General al-Nahhas was not specific about the European countries being used as the new bases. "Egypt made contacts with the countries where those terrorists took refuge with the purpose of containing their activity," he stated. Western diplomats believe Germany might be one of the nations involved.

The general's claim came less than 24 hours after eight more Islamic militants were sentenced to death by one of Egypt's newly-established military courts, bringing the number executed or condemned to die by the tribunals to nearly 40 since December. Those sentenced belong to the "vanguards of the Jihad". Yesterday a further 44 militants were sentenced to prison terms of up to 15 years.

The determination with which the Islamic campaign is being pursued in the face of a new series of clampdowns by the government is causing concern in Western embassies, where some believe Mr Mubarak is failing to contain the wave of fundamentalism.

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Italians mourn Fellini, their interpreter to the world

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY was in mourning yesterday for Federico Fellini, the director whose films captured the hedonism and prosperity of the country's postwar era for the world.

Tens of thousands were expected to turn out to pay their last respects to *Il Maestro*, who died at the Polyclinic Hospital in Rome at the age of 73 after suffering a heart attack 15 days previously which plunged him into a coma. Plans have been made for his body to be on public view tomorrow at the Cinecittà studios where he worked for nearly half a century, his relatives said yesterday. However, they said his coffin would be closed as a mark of respect.

The funeral will be on Wednesday at the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli in Rome, with Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, a prominent Vatican prelate, presiding over the ceremony — an extraordinary concession by the Roman Catholic Church, which condemned his 1960 masterpiece *La Dolce Vita* as "obscene". The coffin will be taken to Fellini's native Rimini, the queen of Adriatic coast resorts, for burial in his family vault.

Marcello Mastroianni, who starred in *La Dolce Vita*, said yesterday: "How can one capture the genius of a director and the feeling of sincere friendship that bound me to him in a superficial comment, or worse still in an anecdote, as everyone is asking me to do now?" He said he was naturally "pained" by the director's death.

In California, Sophia Loren said: "A great light has been extinguished and now we are all in the dark. The world will be much sadder without his fantasy. The death of Fellini is (cause for) national mourning."

Fellini's four Oscars for best foreign language film were a tribute to his unique magic. With his wide-brimmed hat and scarf, *Il Mago* (the Magician) was a well-known figure in the streets of Rome. He liked to haunt the quarters of Trastevere and Centocelli by foot or on buses and trams in search of human material for his films. He kept photographs of interesting faces, many of them convicts.

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Fellini's world was uniquely his own, from the grotesques of *Fellini Satyricon*, left, to the autobiographical fantasia of *8½*, right, and the carnival of postwar Roman life in *La Dolce Vita*, below

Sweet life ends for cinema's liberator

*With a blend of pathos and comedy, the grotesque and the erotic, Fellini freed postwar cinema from its straitjacket of prosaic images, **Geoff Brown** writes*

FEW directors' films have been as instantly recognisable and influential as Federico Fellini's. A sea coast, an open road, a tender waif, a circus clown, a carnival procession of buxom women, outraged cardinals, dwarfs and assorted grotesques: Fellini's world was uniquely his own.

He liberated postwar cinema from the straitjacket of prosaic images, delving deep into his unconscious. In *8½* he created a benchmark for autobiographical cinema, placing the film-makers' neuroses right at the centre.

Fellini never, in some senses, grew up. Adult virtues of sobriety and restraint passed him by. He carried with him a child's glee for living and vivid memories of his youth, from the Catholic teachings drummed into him at school to the circus and vaudeville acts that passed through his home town of Rimini on the Adriatic coast.

Fellini began in films under the shade of Italian neo-realism. During 1945-6 he helped with the scripts for Rossellini's *Rome, Open City* and *Paisan* — urgent tales about ordinary Italians facing the upheavals of war. When he began directing five years later, he maintained a strong surface reality.

By the time of *La Strada* in 1954, where his wife Giulietta Masina skilfully blended pathos and comedy as the wide-eyed waif sold to a travelling circus, Fellini proved he could also create a poetic reality all his own helped, of course, by his collaborators. It would be hard to imagine any Fellini classic without Nino Rota's bittersweet music or the black-and-white magic of photographer Otello Martelli.

But the film that decisively showcased Fellini's invention, imagination and technical prowess was *La Dolce Vita*, a bustling three-hour ride through the Babylonian carnival of contemporary Rome. Time may have eroded the initial shock impact — the Vatican attempted a ban — but it remains a masterpiece. At the centre is Marcello Mastroianni, a journalist seeking lofty values among crazy modern life. At the end, drunk and weary, he staggers into the dawn to be met on one of Fellini's many beaches with an outsize symbol of decaying civilisation: a monstrous dead fish.

When Mastroianni next appeared, in *8½*, he was openly cast as Fellini's surrogate, a director musing over his career and amours in an autobiographical fantasia that retains the power to dazzle and infuriate by turns. With its free-flowing form, cryptic dream imagery and philosophical reflections, *8½* became the egghead's delight worldwide. The film's success has not entirely been beneficial; it has probably encouraged more narcissistic, self-indulgent cinema than any other film in history.

Fellini himself found it hard to rein himself in after *8½*. *Juliet of the Spirits*, in fulsome colour, featured Masina as an upper-class wife whose husband trouble prompts the most lavish psychic fantasies. In the 1969 *Fellini Satyricon* he went on the rampage through Petronius's writings about ancient Rome. A similar trip followed in 1976 through Casanova's autobiography.

By the 1970s Fellini's wayward excesses were giving his admirers serious concern. *Amarcord*, though, showed his power undimmed. The title means "I remember", and only Fellini could have nurtured such poignant and funny memories of a small town in the Fascist era.

Later Fellini films seemed grandiose but irrelevant, such as *And the Ship Sailed On*, or thin and cloying, such as *Ginger and Fred*. But his best work remains astonishingly powerful and rejuvenating. He was a formidable talent: one of cinema's greatest liberators, explorers and entertainers.



Fellini, centre, in 1972, directing actors during the making of *Roma*



Lawyers challenge arrest warrant for Olivetti chairman

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

LAWYERS for Carlo De Benedetti, chairman of the Olivetti computer company, yesterday challenged indirectly an arrest warrant issued for the merchant prince of Italian finance, indicating they believe he may be the victim of a conflict between investigating magistrates.

Signor De Benedetti's principal lawyer, Marco De Luca, said he was bewildered by the arrest warrant on an alleged bribery charge. The businessman's empire includes a controlling share in *La Repubblica* newspaper, which in turn has a minority share in *The Independent*.

The order for his arrest was issued on charges of paying the equivalent of £4 million pounds in bribes to win contracts with the postal system. Signor De Benedetti told magistrates several months ago about the payments cited by Rome magistrates in the warrant.

Police went to Signor De Benedetti's home in Turin to arrest him on Saturday but discovered he was away for the weekend in Switzerland. A spokesman for his main holding company, Compagnie Industriali Riunite (CIR), said then he would return to Italy by Tuesday.

The issuing of the arrest warrant for Signor De Benedetti, 58, nicknamed "*L'Ingegnere*" ("the engineer") here because of his engineering degree and his all pervasive influence on the peninsula, shocked the Italian business establishment and the general public, for whom he is a popular figure. The *Corriere della Sera* called the affair "a clamorous turning point in the Roman enquiry". Shares in Olivetti and CIR were expected to fall on the Milan stock exchange today.

The warrant is a potential blow to the government of



De Benedetti: away for the weekend

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister. It is bound to harm Italy's image abroad, already badly damaged by the nearly two-year corruption scandal. Signor De Benedetti is possibly the best-known figure internationally to be caught up in the scandal.

Some managers of the giant Fiat industrial empire are under investigation, as are top directors of the debt-ridden Ferruzzi group and leading state managers. Observers believe that the issuing of the warrant is likely to shake further the already low level of public confidence in the Italian establishment.

On Saturday President Scalfaro strongly denied reports that he was embroiled in another scandal over secret expenditure of state funds by the intelligence service, Sisde.

Signor De Luca said on Saturday: "De Benedetti has recently shown his willingness to co-operate with the magistrates so I am puzzled as to why they would want to arrest him."

La Repubblica reported yesterday that the chief Rome procurator, Vittorio Mele, had not been informed of the decision by Maria Cordova, the assistant procurator, to issue the warrant. The report, in an editorial by Eugenio Scalfari, the editor, could not immediately be confirmed.

The main "Clean Hands" corruption investigation has been undertaken by magistrates in Milan who did not move to arrest Signor De Benedetti after he began co-operating with them. He had already admitted that Olivetti paid bribes to win contracts with the postal system, but he alleged that political parties had acted like extortioners, forcing companies to pay up or receive no contracts from the state.

State television said the confusion over Signor De Benedetti's position might indicate difference between the Rome and Milan magistrates, who frequently compete to handle important cases. Judicial sources said that the only obvious valid reason for issuing the arrest warrant when Signor De Benedetti had already confessed to the payment of the bribes would be if it was suspected he had not told the whole truth in the past.

La Repubblica yesterday took the affair in its stride. A front-page sketch by Italy's best known cartoonist, the irreverent Forattini, showed the artist handing his pencil and paper to Signor Scalfari, the editor in chief, saying: "Today you do the drawing."

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European Union is born covered in confusion

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union comes into existence today, with more of a whimper than a bang. In tune with the modest changes expected from the *Maastricht treaty*, European Community officials are taking this month's annual two-day holiday. The corridors of power here will be empty until Wednesday.

The EC leaders who gathered here last Friday issued what amounted to a collective apology to the Continent's citizens for having created a Community that seems "distant, anonymous and interfering". They promised greater accountability. If the leaders had been more honest still, they would have admitted that the Maastricht treaty itself is a huge obstacle to making Europe more accessible to people on top of omnibuses from Clapham to Corinth.

The design of the European Union reflects a compromise that has been used by EC governments since the birth of the Community. As of this morning, for example, every citizen of the United Kingdom is also a citizen of the European Union.

This grandiloquent invention confers, in practice, no new obligations and two new rights useful to limited numbers of people. EC citizens will be able to stand and vote in municipal and European parliament elections anywhere in the Community. EC citizens in trouble outside EC borders will be able to receive help from any EC embassy.

Anti-federalists argue that the very creation of a European citizenship is a licence for Brussels to eat away at the rights and obligations of national citizenship in future years when the rows over the treaty have died down. But any such move is unlikely to find much support for the rest of this decade.

The Union's identity problem will be mirrored by semantic confusion. From today, the European Economic Community (EEC) disappears, but the European Community (EC) is retained. Its institutions, the European Commission, parliament and court, form one "pillar" of the Union. Two other pillars, dealing with co-operation between governments on foreign and immigration policy, are part of the Union but not of the Community. The Commission says that, technically, it is sometimes the Commission of the EC and at others the Commission of the Union.

WHAT MAASTRICHT MEANS

FROM today the European Community is absorbed into the "European Union", which, according to the Maastricht treaty's opening clause, marks a new stage in "creating an ever-closer union among the peoples of Europe". The 12 governments' agreed objectives include "ultimately ... a single currency" and a wish that the Union should "assert its identity on the international scene".

The treaty timetables a two-stage move to a single currency which "shall" come into existence at the latest in 1999 for states that meet a stiff set of economic tests. In January next year a European monetary institute will be set up to oversee the convergence of economies and to be an embryo central bank. However, monetary policy remains a national concern until currencies are fused.

New EC policies are to be negotiated for trans-European communications networks, education, culture, health and industry. Majority voting is extended and the European parliament's power to block some EC laws is enhanced.

Montenegro chafes at the Serbian harness

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN PODGORICA

THE scent of rebellion is in the air among the brooding mountains of Montenegro, as the Yugoslav republic begins to turn against its old ally, Serbia.

Police reinforcements were drafted into the ancient former capital, Cetinje, yesterday and shots were fired in the air as a growing movement of separatists met to choose a rival church leader. The official Serbian Orthodox Church held a synod in the city at the same time and tension between the two groups was running high.

The move to set up an autonomous Montenegrin church is one sign of a growing rift between Serbia and Montenegro — the last two republics comprising the rump Yugoslavia. The selection of a rival patriarch is seen as especially sinister in the Serbian capital, Belgrade, because the Serbian Orthodox Church has been a crucial supporter of President Milosevic and his dream of a greater Serbia.

"The Serbian Orthodox Church has prepared the way for Milosevic for years. It collected extremists as members of the church and found rich soil in uninformed people," said Stevo Vucinic of the Liberal Party, which wants a complete break with Belgrade.

Other symptoms of a Montenegrin revolt include the setting up of a pirate independent radio station in the republic, where all broadcast media are currently state-controlled. The station's organisers say they will begin broadcastimg within a week. Support for political parties which advocate secession has been steadily increasing since the summer.

Paradoxically, attempts by Belgrade to fan the flames of Serbian nationalism in Montenegro have increased dissent in the republic. Many Montenegrins feel there is a plot afoot in Belgrade to rob Montenegro of its national identity. The fiercely proud mountain people also feel unfairly punished by United Nations sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia.



Although basic food is generally available, the effects of inflation caused by the sanctions has been devastating. People living in the republic are turning to Albania for basic supplies, which would have been unthinkable three years ago.

Mothers begin queuing for milk for their children at 3am, while the wait for state rations of petrol is three days although fuel is available on the black market.

The growing gulf between Serbia and Montenegro is especially disturbing for Belgrade because it needs the mountain republic for access to the Adriatic. The rift is also worrying to the Milosevic regime because of Montenegro's increasingly warm ties with Albania.

Stupni Do dead buried amid signs of killings to come

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN DABRAVINE, CENTRAL BOSNIA

THERE were no surviving family members to weep for six victims of the Stupni Do massacre who were buried yesterday.

So their funeral progressed in grim silence at Dabrivine, a Muslim village near the new front line, as bearded soldiers from the Seventh Muslim-anska Brigade filed before it up to the hills south of Vares.

Although a nominal cease-fire has existed since the massacre, the presence of these troops, and the sound of artillery thumping down the valley from the direction of Vares, indicate that it will last only until the Bosnian army is ready for an offensive. Already the United Nations reports heavy fighting to the north and west of the town, while a local Muslim commander claimed that Serb artillery had entered the fray firing on the Croats' behalf.

Unsurprisingly, the suspension of aid to Tuzla, along the narrow road that passes through Vares, remained in force for the ninth day. Half a million people in northern Bosnia are dependent on this route for aid.

In Vares concern was growing for the 1,500 Muslims trapped in the town. Some 250 remained in Croatian custody while many more huddled around Swedish armoured vehicles for protection. Some have found sanctuary in the nearby UN Swedish peacekeepers' camp, but the UN remains reluctant to offer any more shelter or aid.

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Contenders go for the throat in scrap for Big Apple



Dinkins: regards New York as a "gorgeous mosaic"

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

■ The race is too close to call, but New Yorkers are disillusioned. They may be about to elect their first Republican mayor in a generation

NEW YORKERS go to the polls to elect their mayor tomorrow, spurred on by a last-minute flurry of mutual recriminations between the candidates and a nasty outbreak of barely concealed racism.

The latest surveys show that David Dinkins, the incumbent, and Rudolph Giuliani, his Republican but liberal challenger, are running neck and neck, which partly explains why both have been going for the jugular.

Last week Mr Dinkins delivered the ultimate insult to his rival: "Frankly, I don't think he likes New York City very much." Mr Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor with a knack for the caustic putdown, countered with a television commercial accusing the mayor of "twisting facts, mixing in fiction, spreading downright lies and introducing personal attacks".

That description fits the election as a whole, which has seen charges of brutality levelled at one side, dithering incompetence at the other, and a livid streak of racism running just beneath the surface. Mr Giuliani's white supporters have talked of "taking back the city" from the mayor, who is black.

In 1989 Mr Dinkins became the city's first black mayor after beating Mr Giuliani by a hair's breadth. Mr Giuliani, if he wins, will become the first Republican mayor for a generation. The fact that his campaign has come this far, in an overwhelmingly Democratic city, is a reflection of how weary New Yorkers are with spiralling crime, homelessness and the city's limping economy.

Mr Giuliani, 48, has played on his reputation as a legal rottweiler, a man of action who will tackle the city's problems head-on. Mayor Dinkins, by contrast, the 66-year-old son of a Harlem barber, is a classic liberal Democrat determined to hold together what he has called the "gorgeous mosaic" of New York by conciliation. But many New Yorkers want results rather than rhetoric, which Mayor Dinkins's four years in office have notably failed to deliver.

For the past few days, Mr Dinkins has seldom been seen in public without a political or show-business celebrity. One day he is with Barbra Streisand or Jesse Jackson, the next with Stevie Wonder or Tipper Gore. Mr Giuliani, on the other hand, has recruited the common man to his cause, or at least his television commercials, which have featured, in turn, a cab driver, a waitress and a butcher.

Mr Giuliani has whirled through the city's suburbs, now sporting a yarmulka in a Brooklyn synagogue, now chewing the fat with a posse of police, who make up some of his most staunch supporters.

Meanwhile, the mayor has also tried some undisguised eleventh-hour vote-grabbing. He has tried to ingratiate himself with the gay lobby and in a bid for the Irish vote he developed a sudden, profound interest in the case of Jimmy Smyth, the convicted IRA man fighting extradition in California.

But his most impressive piece of verbally dexterous vote-garnering came on Friday when the mayor appealed to blacks, feminists and Christians in a single, complicated sentence. "I checked with the clergy and they checked with God, and She said the weather's going to be fine on Tuesday," he told a rather baffled audience of black ministers in Brooklyn.

But with the election on a knife-edge, the weather may prove the final arbiter. After a campaign more notable for its mud-slinging than any creative political debate, an outcome dictated by chance might be the most appropriate result.



Giuliani: trades on tough reputation as a lawyer

Clinton faces local voters' verdicts on tax reforms

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ONE year after Bill Clinton's election, voters in two states and ten cities go to the polls tomorrow to deliver a fresh profile of the public mood.

The results will be minutely dissected by the president, whose approval ratings are sliding again, and by the national Republican and Democratic parties, seeking the key to electoral success in a post-ideological era.

On the basis of the forecast results, they will learn that the great tax revolt of the 1980s is finally over, that conservative social populism is in, and that disgruntled voters are increasingly placing a premium on performance over party.

The single most important race is that for governor of New Jersey, where Jim Florio, the Democratic incumbent, may be blazing a trail for Mr Clinton in 1996. Mr Florio looks set to beat Christine Whitman, the Republican, despite having raised a record $2.8 billion in new taxes after taking office in 1989.

Mr Florio, once the most unpopular governor in New Jersey's history, has distracted voters with tough talk on crime, welfare and gun control and they do not believe Mrs Whitman's Reaganite promise of a 30 per cent tax cut.

A Florio victory would be seen as a sign that supply-side economics are dead and that raising taxes is not necessarily political suicide. A Democrat victory is New Jersey will almost certainly be balanced by a Republican triumph in Virginia, where George Allen, son of the former Washington Redskins' coach, has whittled away his rival's huge lead and looks certain to end the Democrats' 12-year occupation of the governor's mansion.

Voters appear to like Mr Allen's call for the abolition of parole, but Mary Sue Terry, the Democrat, has run a dismal campaign. The defeat of both Mrs Whitman and Miss Terry would be seen as evidence that the "Year of the Woman" is over.

New York apart, there are mayoral elections in Detroit, Miami, Atlanta, Boston, Houston, Cleveland, Minneapolis, St Paul and Seattle.

Two of these are foregone conclusions because the incumbents have delivered on their promises. In Houston, Bob Lanier has fulfilled his pledge to put more policemen on the streets and cut crime, and is running virtually unopposed. So too is Cleveland's black mayor, Michael White, who has bridged the city's deep racial divides and begun attracting new investment.

Boston looks set to elect its first non-Irish mayor in 64 years following Ray Flynn's appointment as US ambassador to the Vatican. Thomas Menino, the acting mayor, is well ahead of Jim Brett, a Massachusetts state congressman.

☐ **Arkansas enquiry:** Federal prosecutors have been asked to open a criminal probe into whether a failed savings and loan used funds to help Arkansas politicians, including Bill Clinton, then the governor, the *Washington Post* reported yesterday. *(Reuter)*



Women members of Japan's self-defence forces marching yesterday in their annual military parade at Asaka, near Tokyo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia uses Libya as loan lever

New York: Russia is demanding an interest-free loan of $4 billion (£2.7 billion) from the West as a condition for allowing passage of new United Nations sanctions against Libya over the Lockerbie bombing (James Bone writes).

Western diplomats regard the demand as unreasonable. It could derail the move by Britain, France and the United States to tighten sanctions on Libya for refusing to turn over the two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103.

Racist attack

Oberhof: The mayor of this east German winter resort has apologised to an American luge team after two black members, including the former world junior champion Robert Pipkins, were attacked by right-wing extremists at a disco. *(Reuter)*

Peruvians vote

Lima: Amid heavy security, Peruvians voted on a new constitution that would provide for the death penalty for terrorists and allow President Fujimori to run for re-election in 1995. The poll is seen as a vote of confidence. *(AP)*

Captives freed

Algiers: Security forces freed two of three French consular workers taken captive a week ago, in a bloody rescue operation that left at least five kidnappers dead. The third worker, Michele Thevenot, was not found. *(AP)*

Semtex stolen

Prague: Nearly 2,000 lb of the explosive Semtex, which was being stored for use in demolition work, was stolen from a warehouse in the Slovak city of Zilina, northeast of the capital Bratislava.

US doubts over Kashmir cause dismay in Delhi

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

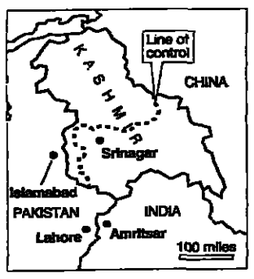
INDIA has reacted furiously to an apparent hardening of American policy on Kashmir. Newspapers yesterday railed against a senior US official who described Kashmir as "a disputed territory" and questioned the instrument of accession that took most of the former kingdom into India 46 years ago.

The pronouncement surprised the US embassy in Delhi, which spent the weekend seeking clarification from Washington. Its acting ambassador was summoned to the external affairs ministry to receive a formal protest from the government, which declared that it would not "brook any outside interference from any quarter".

The timing of the statement, made in Washington by Robin Raphael, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian affairs, seems to have been a blunder. Some American officials in Delhi admitted privately that they were surprised by its insensitivity.

The statement could affect directly the outcome of the potentially explosive crisis at Kashmir's holiest Muslim shrine, the Hazratbal, occupied by armed separatists for 17 days while thousands of soldiers wait for them to surrender. Sensitive negotiations are being held on most days to end the siege peacefully. Ms Raphael's statement may bolster the militants' resolve to continue the occupation.

The State Department, shocked by the severity of India's reaction, issued a statement saying the US had not intended to question India's territorial integrity. Delhi, however, believes that that is precisely what Washington has done. It sees the statement as a boon to Pakistani propaganda and a morale-booster for the Pakistanti-backed separatists.



Ms Raphael, addressing journalists in Washington, said the US viewed Kashmir "as a disputed territory and that means that we do not recognise the instrument of accession as meaning that Kashmir is for ever an integral part of India".

The instrument has been disputed from the day it was signed by the late Maharajah Hari Singh and accepted by Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the viceroy, two months after India gained independence from Britain. By then Pakistani tribesmen had invaded a third of the kingdom, which was annexed and named Azad (Free) Kashmir, a nominally independent region. In practice, it is under Islamabad's diktat.

Dinesh Singh, India's foreign minister, expressed dismay over the timing of the American statement. He said the gunmen in the Hazratbal shrine had indicated that they were about to release scores of worshippers held since the building was taken over. "These signals could encourage continued confrontation," he said.

The United States has been steadily hardening its position on Kashmir while claiming that there is no fundamental change in policy. Officials in Delhi, however, called the statement a "qualitative shift" in policy.

De Klerk smooths over cabinet rift

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

BLUNT critisism by R. F. (Pik) Botha, South Africa's veteran foreign minister and the most senior member of the cabinet, of the bungled handling of recent events by some of his colleagues has stunned the government and President de Klerk stepped in yesterday to attempt some damage control.

Mr Botha said at a National Party banquet last week that the government had made "bad mistakes" recently.

The army raid earlier this month on a house in Umtata, the Transkei capital, in which five youths, including two boys of 12, were shot dead had been handled "awfully and miserably", he said. So had an announcement of a petrol price increase which led to violent clashes between police and angry black taxi drivers.

He said at the weekend there had been other mistakes, including his own handling of the negotiations to cede the Walvis Bay enclave to Namibia. "I apologise for that."

President de Klerk said that there was no rift in the cabinet and that authorisation for the Umtata raid and the petrol price increase had been unanimous.

Kobie Coetsee, minister of defence, and George Bartlett, minister of energy affairs, two of the most conservative members of the cabinet, have strongly opposed many of the deals the government has made with the ANC.

☐ **Washington:** After apartheid, South Africa's central foreign policy goal will be to help to make the world "safe for diversity", Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, has written in the magazine *Foreign Affairs*. *(AP)*

FBI steps up hunt for California arsonists

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

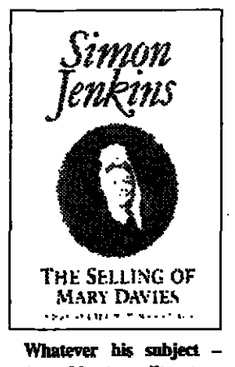
AN ARMY of 9,000 firefighters, helped by windless weather, yesterday tamed the last of the approximately 15 brushfires that have ravaged huge tracts of southern California, as the authorities intensified their hunt for the arsonists who are believed to have started at least six of the blazes.

The FBI was investigating at least 30 letters that had been sent to police and fire stations since September 1, threatening to burn southern California. Pete Wilson, governor of California, called the arsonists "the lowest form of life next to child molesters", and repeated his offer of a $50,000 (£33,600) reward for information leading to their arrest. Special confidential telephone lines — 800-47-ARSON — were set up for informers.

Half the letters came from a man calling himself "Fedbuster", who swore revenge against "government people that screwed me bad". The letters continued: "They burned me, now I'm going to burn them back."

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River Phoenix dies at 23

BY BEN MACINTYRE

RIVER Phoenix, 23, the actor who gained instant fame for his role as an adolescent in the 1986 film *Stand By Me*, died suddenly in the early hours yesterday after collapsing outside a Los Angeles nightclub.

The police have refused to comment on the cause of death pending a post-mortem examination, but homicide detectives have been called in to investigate. "It is unusual for someone of that age to die like this," a police spokesman said.

The actor's companions said he was acting strangely immediately after leaving the Viper Room club, in west Hollywood, but declined to say whether he had been taking drugs. Phoenix slumped unconscious on the pavement outside and died less than an hour later in hospital.

"We are awaiting the results of an autopsy," a spokesman for the LA County Sheriff's department said. "There is no way of knowing what precipitated his death. He was in the prime of his life."



Phoenix: named after the river of life

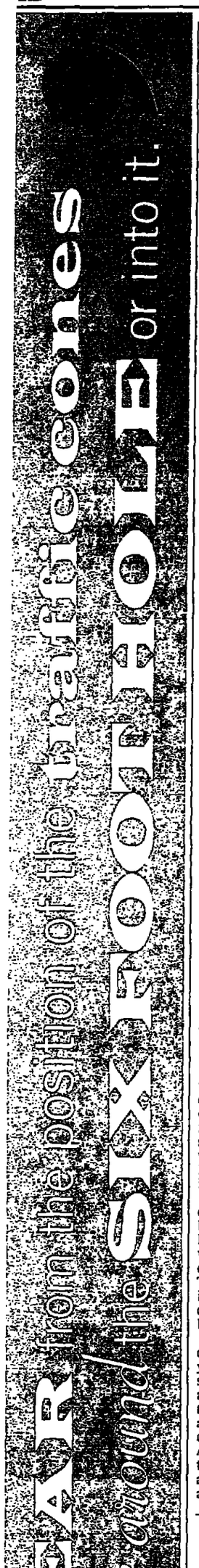
Phoenix played the part of Chris Chambers, the unkempt, chain-smoking youth in Rob Reiner's acclaimed *Stand By Me* about a gang of boys who find a corpse. More recently he starred in the 1991 Gus Van Sant film, *My Own Private Idaho*, in which he played a transient street prostitute.

He also had roles in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, *The Mosquito Coast* and *Sneakers*, and was due to co-star with Tom Cruise in the forthcoming film adaptation of the Anne Rice novel *Interview with a Vampire*. At 17 he was nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actor for his role as the son of two radical fugitives in *Running on Empty*.

River Phoenix was named after the the river of life in Herman Hesse's novel *Siddhartha*: his parents, who met while hitch-hiking and became missionaries for the religious sect Children of God, named his sisters Rain, Liberty Butterfly and Summer. His brother was christened Leaf.



Dallas Malloy, 16, weighing in at the weekend for the first officially sanctioned woman's amateur boxing match in America. She gave Heather Poyner, 21, a relentless three-round pounding to claim a unanimous decision (Kate Muir writes from New York). The fight was chickenfeed compared with Malloy's legal battle to have women accepted in the ring. Helped by the Civil Liberties Union and a sympathetic federal judge, she persuaded the American Amateur Boxing Association to change the 106-year-old rule banning women.



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You will know, by the end of this week, that Casanova and Mao Tse-tung were both librarians. So were Jorge Luis Borges, Philip Larkin, and various protagonists in novels by John le Carré, Jilly Cooper, George Orwell etc. It stands to reason that authors of all brow-heights should get excited about librarians: future writers traditionally have weak chests or a shortage of personal charisma, and therefore get put in charge of the school library and duly fired by the thrill of all those facts, ideas and imaginings pressing in around them.

Yes, me too. At school I truffled around in encyclopaedias and snivelled over *At the Back of the North Wind*. As a bored, sullen teenage diplo-brat in Bern, I was volunteered by my consular parents to mind the British Council Library on Wednesday evenings. I gleaned all my sex education from old copies of the works of Harold Robbins left by the U.S. embassy guards (for years I thought you couldn't do sex unless you had first closed a million-dollar deal and shot someone).

At university I collected pencilled marginalia — like "Wrong, wrong, wrong, you stupid American git!" in a particularly pompous Shakespeare crit — and enjoyed interesting eavesdroppings in the sacred Bodleian silence. The best ever was when a beautiful girl was approached by a spotty hopeful, peering disingenuously at a desk-number he had found in a blank shelf space. "Excuse me," he oiled, "Are you using Volume XVIII of the *Journal of Oriental and African Studies*?" "No," she snapped. "I'm on the Pill."

Later, I recatalogued my tutor's books while that saintly woman put up with my plaintive cries of "Hoy, do you count Machiavelli as a foreigner or an influence?" Thrown out into the world, I was buoyed up through suicidal lonely evenings by the Camden public libraries. To this day I love a free evening, a big reading-room smelling strongly of mould, and some nice worrying question like the early history of rainwear, or whether *Milton ever saw a real* cormorant before he said Satan looked like one. Or was it a bestiary picture he was thinking of? And *if so, which one?*

But I digress. The point is that this is National Library Week and that you are about to be bombarded with jolly facts: that unusual bookmarks found in returned books have included a condom and a kipper, that the record for an overdue library book is 288 years (it was returned by a descendant); that children's use of libraries is actually going up, and that in the 1790s it *was proved that the existence of* libraries increases the sale of books by spreading the taste. You will also hear that the Library Association is engaged in a stand-off with the government because Iain Sproat, junior heritage minister, has hinted that the service is not sacrosanct.

There will be events nationwide: some of them thoughtful, others so determinedly larky that we crabby old purists will purse our lips and scuttle behind the encyclopaedia bay. In Droitwich there is a jazz band and a Make-the-Most-Noise-Ever-Heard-in-a-Library event, with staff "going around saying 'ssssssh', dressed up in tweed skirts, glasses and grey buns". Oh, very witty.

Meanwhile a person purporting to be Miss Havisham in her wedding dress will abseil down the front of Newcastle Central Library: it is a pity, I mutter, jabbing pins viciously into my grey bun, that the press release had to spell it "Haversham". You would think a load of librarians would have known better. Or at least read the credits properly on the TV series.

But never mind. I point this out only to prevent someone else doing it in a crueller spirit. It behoves us all to fight for today's libraries, even when they seem to be reacting to their National Week like an old tabby maddened by catnip. They have too many enemies already: not only the Sproat tendency but all those chippy young fogeys in invisible grammar school blazers who are desperately nostalgic for the grey buns, dirty card-indexes, and full sets of Jack London which first inspired them.

They get hot flushes when they see a pathetic little section on Feminism, or a modest toy-lending sideline. A celebratory anthology, *Long Overdue* (Mainstream, £6.99) published today, reprints one such splendid polemic against attempts to brighten up libraries: the writer, snuffling crossly around looking for a nice bit of Kipling, finds his local one transformed into "a right-on creche for latchkey children, the 'unwaged', single mothers and ... ethnic minority communities".

It is true that public libraries were ill-served by the crazy 1970s and mad bans on Noddy and Rider Haggard, and the equally crazy 1980s entrepreneurial culture which resulted in some of them lending out not only videos and CDs but, in one case, umbrellas. But never mind. Libraries need shaking up at times, sending up at others, but what they never deserve is to atrophy.

Libraries are magic: watch any gang of primary schoolchildren pouring in to pursue their researches on the history of, say, powered flight. Watch them searching for the Wright Brothers in encyclopaedias, dictionaries, even the Yellow Pages; watch them sneaking off half-way through, bearing a book on something else entirely. It still happens every term-time day, all over the country. If the occasional abseiling Havisham helps to bring them in, then good. They may come to lark, but will stay to read.

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Murder most improbable



Unique alibi — a murder is said to have been committed during a screening of The Light that Failed almost 50 years ago

Why are we so fascinated by ice daggers and frozen bullets? H.R.F. Keating on the Bristol cinema mystery

The dark of the cinema. On the silver screen the hero, Ronald Colman no less, fires five shots from a pistol. And then there comes a sixth shot, one for real, and a murder has taken place in the auditorium. Too good to be true. Only, it seems, it was true. It happened in Bristol on May 29, 1946.

The wild fictions of the detective story in its 1930s golden age might be hard put to equal that. But at times they got pretty close. The very earliest days of detection, for instance, produced death by the ice dagger that melts before the body is discovered.

John Dickson Carr, that wonderful specialist in murder committed in "the hermetically sealed chamber", once tracked down the device to a story by one Fleming Stone which quoted an epigram of Martial showing it was used in Ancient Rome.

The classic example, however, is a *Strand Magazine* tale by Edgar Jepson and Robert Eustace (it took two of them to work out all the ensuing complications) called "The Tea-Leaf". Ponder that title: it is the clue to how the mysterious death was eventually brought to light.

The notion of the ice dagger or its variant the ice bullet is, you may say, magnificently simple. It is when, as an author, you come to making the arrangements for the actual moment of murder that complications begin to set in. And it is, surely, as a reader that in those complications and the manner in which they are ingeniously contrived half your pleasure lies. How to get the frozen dagger to the scene of the crime? A vacuum flask must be brought into requisition. But does that imply a picnic? Or a packed lunch for the office? Then, what if you use the ice bullet variation? The bullet that will be propelled with deadly accuracy through a keyhole from a blowpipe?

John Dickson Carr in a deliciously blatant, chapter-long digression in *The Hollow Man*, the book in which he tracked down the ice dagger to ancient Rome, produces a whole cluster of breathtakingly unlikely methods of murder.

He has a gun mechanism concealed in a telephone receiver. He has a special poison gas squirted into the locked room causing the victim, naturally, to strangle himself with his own hands. He has a pistol with a string attached so that the trigger is pulled by the expansion of water as it freezes (you work it out: I can't). He has a long-case clock with a chime so hideous that, of course, the victim reaches up to silence it, and, touching the lever, releases a blade that slashes open his stomach.

After all that talk of guns and gun mechanisms it may have come as no surprise to avid readers four years later when, under the elegant pen of Ngaio Marsh in *Overture to Death*, in the parish hall at Winton St Giles, a village clustered with suspects, as Miss Idris Campanula at the piano thumped down the fearsome chords that open Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C sharp minor, a pistol, cunningly implanted in the instrument, sent a bullet straight into her heart. The scene in all its glorious unlikeliness was, I am happy to say, re-enacted a year or two ago by members of the Detection Club celebrating Dame Ngaio's official biography.

But perhaps fiendish ingenuity has had no better stamping ground than the mystery set in a moving train. Not only timetables come into delightful play but there are couplings (of the good old-fashioned sort) and uncouplings, shuntings down sidings, locked compartments and a hundred and one other factors causing the complications that boggle and pleasure our minds.

Consider *Sir John Magill's Last Journey*, by Freeman Wills Crofts, and hear indefatigable Inspector French unpick the alibi by re-enacting the murder with a stand-in. "I now," he says to him, "crack your brainbox." Stand-in victim obligingly lies down, dead. French swiftly dresses him in a brown cloak and waits for the train to make a short stop, conveniently done every night even though it is unscheduled. Next he flings a rope ladder out of the carriage window and pushes his long-suffering stooge into the dark while he waits for a substitute figure to appear and "prove" the victim was still alive (oh, yes, we'll get round that reasonably plausibly later on).

Suspenseful pause. "What if the thing had miscarried?" French thinks in panic as the train begins to move off. "Curse! Something had gone wrong! No, it hadn't though! the ladder shook again and the ropes strained tight."

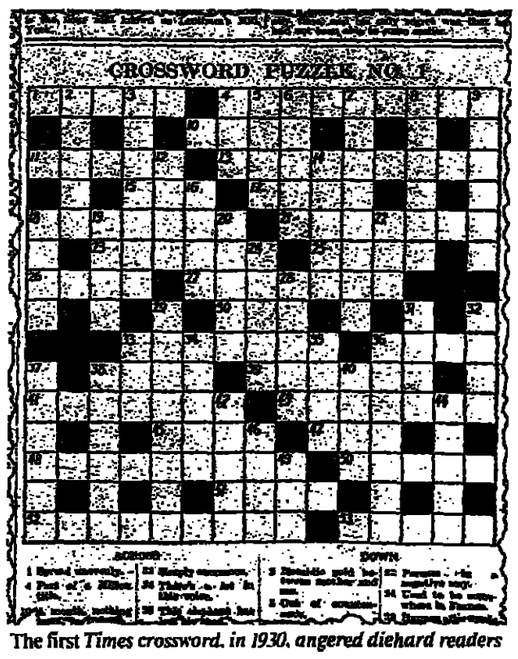
Nothing like a plethora of exclamation marks when you've got a tricky passage to put over. I feel Miles Burton, author of *Death in the Tunnel*, could have used a handful of these to liven up a story that begins: "The 5.0pm train from Cannon Street runs fast as far as Stourford, where it is due at 6.7. On Thursday, November 14th, it was, as usual, fairly full, but not uncomfortably so." It is commas that speed us slowly on our way. But the way does lead us to a super-fiendish murder plot. What happens? As the train approaches the tunnel our ingenious murderer lowers from a ventilation shaft nothing less than "an electric flexible" with at its end a red lamp. Train halted. Murder done. Aha!

But in real life ...? Well, as we know, something almost as strange happened once in a Bristol cinema. But, if you are ever tempted to eliminate the youth scoffing popcorn in the seat in front of you and have brought your ice dagger along on the off-chance, be careful to wash out every last tea-leaf in your vacuum flask first.

● *H.R.F. Keating, author of the* Inspector Ghote *novels, is the president of the Detection Club.*

A brain-teasing crossword in a great tradition is launched in The Times

Precise, concise, starting today



The first Times crossword, in 1930, angered diehard readers

TODAY *The Times* is introducing a new feature: an improved and more precise concise crossword to be called *Times Two*, because in a *double entendre* it is the second crossword and also appears in the second section, next door to the infuriating Word Watching exercise.

A newspaper is a parcel containing many individual packets. Anybody who read them all would be mad, or at any rate an obsessive journalist. When the first crossword was introduced into *The Times* in 1930, there was some uproar from diehards that their newspaper was going to the dogs or pandering to the frivolous. But the crossword became a national institution, and sets the standards for British crosswording. It is a harmless entertainment, and there are passages during the day, for example rush hour on the Circle Line, when it is not possible to concentrate on anything more substantial. The crossword is a kickstart into the new day, to reassure one that the little grey cells are still working, and can grapple with the curiosities of language.

Led by *The Times*, some British crosswords became cryptic, with anagrams and puns, homophones and other word games, in which English is so rich, as well as a straight definition of the word in question lurking somewhere in the clue. But not everybody can be bothered to spare the time to learn the tribal language of cryptic crosswords, in which a flower may mean a river, a sailor flags the signal for AB or tar or salt, and "duck on the German river (4)" signifies the River Oder, O being : duck in cricket plus *der*, German for "the", and the whole being a German river.

Other crosswords, including the demanding puzzles in the *Neue Züricher Zeitung* that exercise my clever Swiss aunt Margrit, consist of straight definitions: difficult tests of vocabulary and general knowledge, indeed, but no secondary wordplay to lead the puzzler by indirections to find directions out.

The concise crossword is meant to be easier, less exclusive and more democratic. It can be done in a group of all talents at coffee break, with everybody chipping in, or doodled while waiting for the tiresome canned music to stop and for somebody to answer the phone. Cryptic crosswords tend to be lone wolves, the serious ones filling it in mentally without marking the paper. But in both types of crossword, the answer should be the only possible one when you see it, so that everything feels shipshape and Bristol fashion. "Bird (5)" is a bad clue, and makes the crossword a business of trial and error, like doing a jigsaw with Roget's thesaurus. "Ambivalent god of martial beginnings (5)" is a better clue, because there is only one Janus, although he has two faces. "American (US) follows short first month (Jan) to open the Roman door (what Janus did)" would be a cryptic clue, though I have no ambitions to set crosswords.

Times Two is going to be set every day by Richard Brown, who has been setting *Times* cryptic crosswords since 1987. He read Greats at Trinity, Oxford (Greats seems to go with cryptic crosswords, but then, that old school can be said to go with anything). Then he worked in computers (which also go with crosswording, as well as providing a rich new source of jargon for clues) for IBM.

IT ought to take about ten minutes to do the concise crossword, though it takes half a day to set. Richard's cryptics take 15 to 20 hours to compose, and he lays them away in his bottom drawer to ripen, as recommended by the poet Horace, before giving them a final polish.

Mr Brown intends to set clues that admit only one answer, so that when you get it, you feel that warm glow of righteous satisfaction. This means that you may sometimes be at the receiving end of quite tricky vocabulary. From what I have seen of him over the years, I guess there will be the odd joke, and indeed the occasional topical reference. At this time of year, I should be on the *qui vive* (watch, guard, look out, patrol, stand to, *cave*) for saints and souls and things that go bump in the night. But you never can tell, with crosswords, as with life. That is their charm.

PHILIP HOWARD

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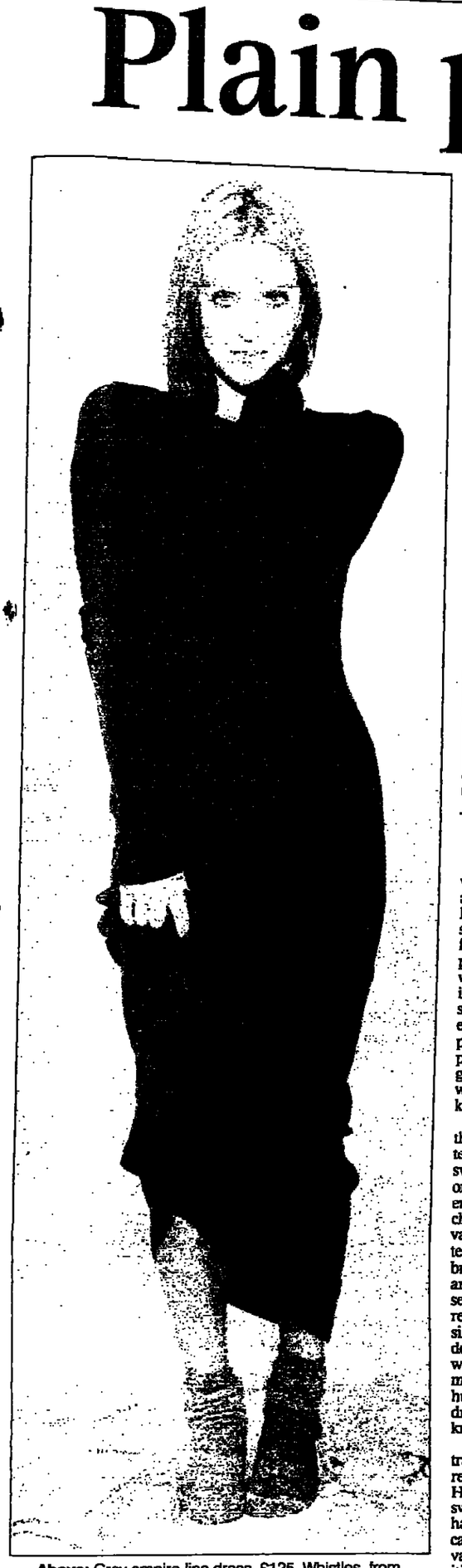
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Shapely, refined, soft . . . knitwear can be everything in the wardrobe, as long as it isn't patterned

Plain perfect







Above: Long oatmeal ribbed cardigan with ties, £35.99; long oatmeal sleeveless dress, £24.99, Jeffery Rogers, The Plaza, Oxford Street, W1 (071-631 4142). Brown/cream boucle sweater, £24.99, Warehouse nationwide. Pale oatmeal chunky chenille socks from a selection, £12.95, Hue, department stores nationwide (071-436 4091). Oatmeal rug, £490; choc/brown rug, £490; cashmere choc/brown and beige tartan blanket, £660, N. Peal, Burlington Arcade, W1 (071-493 9220)

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Above: Grey empire-line dress, £125, Whistles, from selected branches, (071-487 4484). Grey flecked socks from a selection, £4.95, Hue, department stores nationwide

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Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

Winter provides the perfect excuse to pull on something warm and woolly. This season excuses are not necessary. Not for a long time has knitwear played such an important role in fashion, thereby ensuring its place in the modern woman's wardrobe. In fact, with every international designer and label emphasising its importance, it is now possible to put together an entire wardrobe full of knitted pieces.

For those who think of knitwear in terms of baggy sweaters to be worn only at the weekends, or something chunky with a vaguely folksy pattern (some weird hybrid of Norwegian and Navajo), think again. This season's knits are shapely, refined, soft. As the fashion silhouette has softened, so designers have realised knitwear's potential. Where fabric may glide past the body, knits hug. Where a silk or cotton dress will fall to the floor, a knitted dress will flow.

Last week I wrote that the traditional twinset has been reinstated as a style icon, with Helmut Lang lengthening the sweater. Every other designer has opted to elongate the cardigan. Hemlines appear to vary according to their position in the marketplace. Mainstream versions hover around the calf, while pricey labels at times sweep the floor.

At its ultimate, the long cardigan, resembling a roomy bathrobe, becomes a fully fledged coat. Gianni Versace coloured his brightly enough for anyone who wants to act as understudy to Jason Donovan in *Technicolor Dreamcoat*, while the designer Joseph chooses chocolate, cream and tweedy greys for his thick-ribbed, button-through coat. Giorgio Armani works his knitted coat in a shade so subtle as hardly to deserve the classification of being a colour. The Americans call it greige — a muted tone which exists where grey meets beige.

Underneath this wonderfully warm coat there are layer upon layer of easy pieces, every one of them knitted. This layering is all important. Tunics are worn over dresses, sometimes themselves worn over trousers. Cardigan-style jackets are worn over the lot . . . and then, finally, the coat. Proportion counts, too. Either too big, or too tiny. As the cardigan lengthens, so the sweater gets boil washed until it shrinks to next to nothing. Koji Tasuno, Liza Bruce, Ann Demeulemeester and John Rocha all showed the itsy-bitsy sweater over shirts.

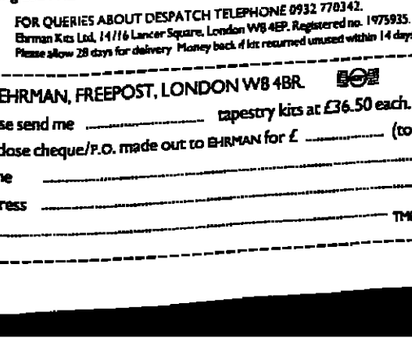
However, in the same show Rocha sent out a sweater which swamped his model. Question: when is a sweater not a sweater? Answer: when it's a sweater dress. Recently, fashion has moved its goal posts at such a pace that it has been difficult at times to understand the game, let alone the rules. Of course, that is its aim. There are no rules.

The sweater dress was best shown by Karl Lagerfeld at Chloe in Paris and Donna Karan in New York. Both designers chose the charming empire-line shape, draping fluffy mohair and gauzy wool respectively. Little cropped sweaters worn over long, sleek knit dresses emulate the line.

Then comes the knitted suit. Jackets, unlined and unstructured, are smart enough to be formal, yet comfortable enough to forget. Skirts and trousers, narrow and wide add fluidity.

The joy of knitted fabric is that it has inbuilt movement. It stretches and clings *and* keeps you warm. It also has texture, another of this season's essential elements. Play one against the other. Flat machine knits can be worn with ribbed varieties. Maybe even dramatic organic-looking handknits. Fuzzy mohair, luxurious chenille, angora, alpaca, and cashmere. Flecked tweedy yarn, or smooth silk and cotton. So many possibilities. Cable knit, plain knit, and even the knit-one, pearl-one, drop-one variety adding a moth-eaten, modern touch.

Most important is to notice what's new about knits, and what's making them news. Exaggerated shapes, long finger-skimming sleeves, and the one golden rule to remember. Keeping them plain is the key to success. *No one wears patterned sweaters in 1993.* Unless, of course, your name is Jack Nicklaus.



Candace Bahouth's *Illuminated Manuscript* for

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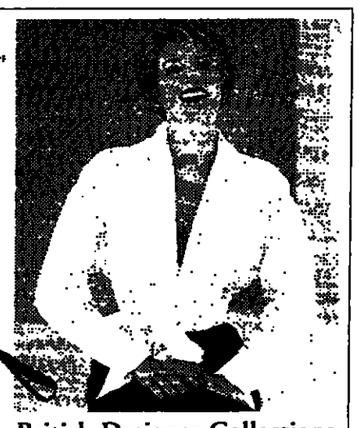
The *Illuminated Manuscript* is among the many wonderful designs in Candace Bahouth's new book *Medieval Needlepoint*. The fine, intertwining pattern of green and yellow leaves with powder and sapphire blue flowers is set on a soft, neutral buff-coloured background. The richly patterned grass green border is overlaid with a profusion of gilded leaves and scrolls and is scattered with jewel-like flowers in vermillions, amethyst, lavenders and azure blue. The soft blend of colours would fit in well anywhere.

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Matthew Parris



■ You can admire famous people *without wanting to meet them* in the flesh — but there are exceptions

Some are, and some are not, easily star-struck. I am not. I am neither proud nor sorry about that; it's just a fact. The act of meeting a famous person has seldom of itself given me much of a thrill. On closer acquaintance such people may (or may not) be thrilling, but the handshake itself, the exchange of pleasantries, the collection of an autograph, clutching the hem of a garment, has held no interest.

It is true that in younger days I did once pocket a coffee cup with Tina Turner's lipstick marks on it, but that was for a friend. The occasion was an awards dinner at which she sang and to which I had been invited at the last minute when a VIP cancelled. Tina Turner was on my table; but I enjoyed her performance, which was electrifying, more than our conversation, which was routine.

I never took the chance, as an MP, to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party. Why stand around for hours in the faint hope of a banal 30-second conversation with the Queen? There was no chance at all you could talk properly to her. When my name was drawn in a lottery to decide which six back-bench MPs should attend the Prince of Wales's wedding, I remember secretly wondering whether this was not a waste, as many would have derived so much more pleasure. This is not because I do not admire the prince, but because the physical fact of being present (behind a pillar) at the back of a huge cathedral, from whose distant altar came some faint mumblings better audible to television viewers than to me, held no special excitement. Sometimes people will say things like "touch this fabric. It was actually worn by St Thomas More. Isn't that marvellous!" And I feel left out of the excitement, because ... well — so what if it was?

I acknowledge — again, with neither pride nor shame — that something is missing from my nature. Any survey of behaviour through the ages reveals that human beings have always accorded special significance to authentic physical identity. If some thing is — if some person is — the *actual* thing, the actual one — the *real* thing, the real one — and if we have touched it, met it, got its signature, retained a bit of it in a box, then that matters to humankind, always has. But not to me. If a Van Gogh reproduction were indistinguishable from an original, I would place no premium (except the monetary one) on having the original. And I should have had little interest in meeting Van Gogh himself, because others knew him better and I would rather read their accounts.

Or so I have always assured myself, model of modern rationality and anti-mysticism that I like to think I am. It came as a shock last Friday, therefore, to find myself nervously awaiting the moment when my chance would come to touch a famous person.

To see, touch and even speak to this person, to get her signature on her new book, was something I'd longed to do. Longed to do (let me add) not because I expected to learn anything from our meeting, or had anything much to say to her: Not because I had special reason, even, to like or dislike her. Not because I admire her (though I do admire her, and more than I admire many others, too). No, it was just — well, let's be honest — *just because it was her*: the real, actual, unique her. I wanted to be able to say, and know, that *I had met* her. *I had shaken* her hand.

Helen Sharman is the first British subject, thus far the only British subject, and maybe the only British subject for decades to come, to have travelled in space. I could hardly wait to meet her.

> 'It is true that I did once pocket a coffee cup with Tina Turner's lipstick marks on it'

I've always wanted to go to the Moon, or, better still, Mars. I do not *quite* regard this as an impossible ambition. Interviewed some months ago on the British Forces Broadcasting Service, my interviewer, Patrick Eade, succeeded in drawing from me the admission. Some weeks later he invited me to join him in interviewing Helen Sharman, who has just written a book about her flight.

She has not been to the Moon, still less Mars, but she has spent six days in a Soviet space station, orbiting the Earth. What was so wonderful about talking to her was not that we learnt anything we could not have learnt from any other astronaut — there are hundreds — but that Sharman was actually British: English, from Sheffield. She was one of us. Seeing her, talking to her, confirming for myself that she was real, shaking hands with a fellow-citizen who has actually travelled in space, was strangely memorable. Did you feel, as I did at the time, that as a nation we treated her achievement rather coolly? Perhaps we were wary of what could be seen as a Soviet propaganda exercise? Perhaps, because in a sense we didn't do it, we still feel a little miffed, almost patronised, that the Americans and Russians can? But *she* did it.

Now I want to. It is the one attempt in which I can honestly say I should not mind perishing. So here's to Helen Sharman and — by the way — can I be next, please?

The catastrophe at Queens Moat brings into question the role of non-executive directors

Whose hand on the company tiller?

The hotel group Queens Moat Houses is a classic City disaster. Property values have had to be written down by £1.2 billion over 12 months, the net assets of the company have fallen from £1.2 billion to a deficiency of £389 million; net borrowing has soared to £1.16 billion. There has been a call for a Board of Trade enquiry and the Stock Exchange is investigating what is said to be breaches of regulation. The shareholders will lose almost all their money; the banks face losses as well.

Naturally, people are asking whether the non-executive directors could have prevented this disaster, or whether they should have acted earlier. The most prominent non-executive director is David Howell; as chairman of the House of Commons select committee on foreign affairs and a former cabinet minister he is better known than any of the others, though not necessarily better qualified than John Gale, a former banker who is the other non-executive who has remained on the board.

I have known David Howell for more than 30 years. I remember sitting next to him at a dinner meeting at the Carlton Club which was addressed by Harold Macmillan as prime minister — not a particularly good speech. "Our grandfathers played at the top table; our fathers played at the top table; we shall continue to play at the top table." As bright young men, David and I found it hard to suppress our giggles at the grand old trouper. David did not have a long career in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet, though he was dry on economic policy, but he has been excellent in his present parliamentary job. His integrity has never been doubted. To use the jargon of the investment business, he is in the top quartile of people available to be non-executive directors, in terms of general intelligence, integrity, knowledge of economics and finance and experience of public life.

How does an intelligent and honest man come to be involved in such a disaster? Mr Howell became a director of Queens Moat Houses in 1989, before the Cadbury committee had produced its report. I doubt if the Cadbury recommendations would have made a difference in this case. Shareholders must be alarmed that once again well-qualified non-executive directors failed to prevent a catastrophe. Non-executive directors themselves must equally be anxious that they might fail in their job.

I am certainly asking myself whether, in Mr Howell's place, I would have known the company was in such deep trouble. I am at present a non-executive director of four public companies, all of which are flourishing. I enjoy the contact I have with these companies, think I understand them reasonably well, and take a serious view of the responsibility.

There are some areas which a non-executive director does to some extent delegate to his fellow non-executive directors. Every large public company has an audit or accounts committee, whose job it is to satisfy the board, particularly the non-executive directors, that the accounts have been properly prepared and give a fair view of the business. The chairman of that committee needs to have substantial financial experience, such as one might expect from a senior accountant or a professional banker. Other non-executive directors have to satisfy themselves that the figures are properly prepared and audited. The remuneration committee is responsible for fixing pay, contract and pensions conditions of the executive members of the board; the apparent failure to disclose very substantial changes in directors' pensions does suggest that the Queens Moat Houses remuneration committee may have been inadequate.

How much can any non-executive director really know about what is happening in the business? The late Lord Rothschild, who had been an executive director of Shell, used to argue that nobody who was not working full time for a company could have any real understanding of it. I am sure that is right. Even someone who is working full time depends on the efficiency and integrity of the reporting system. A non-executive director can obviously have a much fuller view of a small or medium-sized company, with its limited functions, than of a very large one. I have been a director of GEC since 1981; the only realistic way I can follow the business is by asking questions of the executive directors. GEC's business is so large, so varied and so widely spread that no non-executive director can do more than follow the main result, the big issues, the appropriateness of procedures and the concerns of the senior executives. Of course, if the non-executives lose confidence in the executives, that is another matter.

William Rees-Mogg

In the case of Queens Moat Houses, as we know it so far, at least three major things seem to have gone wrong. As the business grew, the management and the reporting structures did not grow with it. It became a big company, at least in terms of assets, that retained the management skeleton of a small company. This resulted in an inadequate flow of information both to the board and to its advisers. The profits seem to have been overstated for some years, probably as the result both of poor accounting and a desire to maintain optimism in the recession, which was particularly bad for hotels. The properties seem to have been overvalued, though there are arguments that they are now being undervalued.

Non-executive directors cannot run a company, but they have a duty to satisfy themselves that it is being properly run. So far as management structures are concerned, that is more a matter of judgment than science. I suppose one GEC test would be whether individual responsibility for management decisions can be established. The vast majority of international companies, including the great beached whales of General Motors and IBM, are run by committees and would not pass that test. If a management structure has defined responsibilities, an adequate flow of information and produces stable profits, a non-executive director would be unwise to press for changes, particularly if that meant calling in expensive consultants. For the non-executive director an adequate flow of management information is an obvious requirement.

The audit or accounts committee of Queens Moat Houses has to answer the question why it retained Bird Luckin, a small local auditing partnership, rather than hand over the task, as the company grew, to an auditing firm appropriate to its size. In a deep recession, managements are bound to be tempted to put the best possible gloss on the profits and the assets. The non-executives should be more sceptical: they have to rely on the auditors, who must be strong enough for the job.

Yet one has to remember that asset valuations are only valuations. On December 31, 1991, Weatherall Green & Smith valued the hotels at £2 billion; a year later Jones, Lang and Wootton valued them at £861 million. Some of that reduction probably reflects a real change in the market. So many hotels are now in the hands of the receivers that they have been dumped, at almost any price. The rest of the difference could be an honest one of opinion, or the difference between sunshine and rain. Near the end of a deep recession, any property can be sold for a massive discount, or for a market price between a willing buyer and a willing seller. The two valuations can be 30 per cent apart, or even more. In the 1990s, there has been a great depression in demand both for hotel services and for hotel properties. I have some sympathies for those seamen who have been sunk by that storm, but it certainly looks as though avoidable errors of navigation were made.

A leader lost for words

Major has good ideas: he fails to sell them, says

Peter Riddell



The vultures are gathering above John Major again. Squawks about U-turns and climbdowns are heard. The appeal for unity which Mr Major made barely three weeks ago at the Tory party conference seems to have been ignored. The rebels have not been shamed into silence. Ministers are accused of bending in the face of a few recalcitrant backbenchers. Not only are these criticisms greatly exaggerated, but they miss the point. The real weakness of the Major government is not its tactical handling of the Commons but its continued failure to present a coherent long-term strategy.

The concessions which the government has made over the past week are neither particularly significant nor unusual. John MacGregor's shift on rail franchises is unlikely to make much difference in practice but has provided cover for the Tory rebels to fall into line. Similarly, it is nonsense to talk about a U-turn over the Sheehy enquiry on police pay and conditions, since even when the independent report was first published Michael Howard was careful not to commit himself to its conclusions but to say he would consult. A Tory home secretary taking a strong law and order line has no interest in alienating the police. The threatened rebellion on defence cuts is part of a familiar ritual: dire warnings by the defence secretary and the chiefs of staff reinforced by sympathetic backbenchers.

That does not mean all is harmonious. A hard core of Tory MPs remains disenchanted with Mr Major, is used to rebelling and is aware of its power when the government has such a small majority. But the mood in the Commons is less fevered than during the Maastricht debates. The votes of the nine Ulster Unionists help. Much of the bitterness has gone, at least for the moment.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Dare it be said, moreover, that back in the days of the "golden age that never was" governments listened to backbenchers and interest groups. Even when the Tories had unassailable three-figure majorities from 1983 until 1992, ministers compromised. Who now remembers the row over increases in parental contributions for student grants of November 1984, when Sir Keith Joseph was forced to drop his original plan by Tory MPs? The Thatcher and the Lawson memoirs are full of examples where radical ideas were watered down because of political pressures, whether the specific threat of a backbench rebellion or vaguer worries over the government's popularity. These range from continued support for British Leyland in the early 1980s to the decisions not to extend VAT to newspapers or to tax lump-sum pension payments in 1985.

But these concessions did not affect the government's overall image. Nobody questioned whether it had lost its way and was at the mercy of backbenchers. Lady Thatcher gave the impression of knowing where she was going, often more because of her style than the substance. Her single-mindedness banished any doubts until the final days in 1989-90.

Mr Major does not inspire such certainty. He is less decisive than her. He consults rather than commands. But he is not just an adroit tactician. He has values, and views of the kind that led to the citizen's charter. But he seldom communicates them. He is the opposite of Lady Thatcher. His style can undersell, rather than oversell, the substance. His courtesy and often cumbersome delivery can appear to be woolliness and lack of direction.

During the Tory conference, for example, he put forward a "back to basics" theme. But this was overshadowed by media discussion about whether speeches by Peter Lilley, Michael Portillo and Michael Howard marked a shift to the right. His own speech, with its emphasis on law and order and the Euro-sceptic tone of references to Brussels, was seen in this light and the point of "back to basics" was ignored. Mr Major did not help himself by conjuring a nostalgic vision of a return to some 1950s suburban paradise.

But "back to basics" is not just a conference slogan. While it has been mentioned only in passing in the cabinet itself, Mr Major and his advisers have discussed it with individual ministers. Its central theme is concentration on the consumers of services — pupils, patients or, in the case of crime, victims — rather than professional interest groups. In education, this means not just improving basic skills such as reading and writing, but looking also at what John Patten calls the ethos of schools: the length of the school day, discipline and truancy levels. It also involves increasing specialisation, selection according to aptitude.

Mr Major has also applied "back to basics" to law and order, which will dominate the Queen's Speech; to continuing reforms in the structure of public services such as health; and to social security. While some ministers raised eyebrows at the tone of speeches by John Redwood and Mr Lilley about single mothers, there is wide cabinet agreement about the need to face up to the implications of social changes.

But these themes remain blurred. Ministers remain busy and active, but little is in focus. That is partly because Mr Major has been preoccupied with foreign and Irish issues and other ministers have been concentrating on public spending. The annual review may be completed by the cabinet tomorrow. Kenneth Clarke will now turn to tax matters which, despite all the talk of a unified Budget, are, as usual, being taken separately from spending decisions.

The Budget, four weeks tomorrow, will provide the real test of whether the government can regain the initiative — and of whether the hard-core rebels are prepared to toe the line in the interests of party unity and survival. The recent tacking and weaving is trivial by comparison. But the Budget is only part of a broader domestic strategy, which is still incomplete and unclear. Mr Major has only won a respite from the vultures. It may not last long.

Slightly foxed

THE ANTI-HUNTING lobby will be baying for blood today, as it marks the opening day of a new foxhunting season by taking the National Trust to the High Court.

The action has been brought by the League Against Cruel Sports, and concerns a resolution for the trust's annual meeting next Saturday, proposed by that lifelong campaigner Lord Soper. He demands that hunting, and in particular issues relating to cruelty and welfare, be re-examined by the trust.

The league, however, claims that the way the trust has presented Soper's case is so confusing (explanatory notes run to no less than six pages) that members who support the resolution could easily vote against it by mistake. "We want people to support the motion," says Jim Barrington, a trust member and the league's executive director. "But I would argue that it is confusing and people have voted the wrong way."

Not so, cries the trust, which, if it loses the case, will have to hold another meeting to consider a redrafted version of Soper's motion. "Every year, a number of our members find the papers confusing because AGM papers with proxy votes and so on are confusing by their nature," says David Pullen, the trust's solicitor and secretary. "But to hold a second meeting to consider this motion would cost us about £250,000."

The 90-year old peer, meanwhile, refrains from joining the fray. "I am not going to get myself tied up with all the incidentals. But I am opposed to the retention of anything that smacks of a reputable heritage body that is associated with hunting. It has an ancient and fish-like smell."



DIARY

● *InterCity clearly has no plans to go gently into that good private sector. Later this month, it plans to name a Class 91 locomotive* Robert Adley, *to commemorate the late MP for Christchurch, a lifelong train buff and leading opponent of the government's plans to privatise British Rail. John MacGregor may not be amused.*

Women's hour

DANNY LA RUE will be plunging into uncharted waters on Sunday. He is due to be guest speaker at a dinner in Dorset held by the 300 Group, the body dedicated to getting more women MPs into the House of Commons.

The cross-dressing comedian is currently in Australia, but his agent Clifford Elson believes this will be his first political act. "It surprises me that he's doing this. I've known him 22 years and I think it will be the first time he has gone into politics. Danny is one of the old school who has always said that politics and arts don't mix."

Sally Elliot of the Dorset branch of the 300 Group is undaunted. "We couldn't ask for a better speaker. He is very appropriate for us." Mother Kelly, MP, looms.

● *Wright Webb Syrett, Private Eye's tireless firm of solicitors, has marked the publication of* The Penguin Book of Interviews *by the Eye's Christopher Silvester with something suitable — a writ. It alleges Silvester has infringed the magazine's copyright by appropriating the "Grovel" byline for his party invitations. However, they seem in no hurry to serve the writ — the lawyers can't make the party because they're playing football against their libel rivals Carter Ruck. Definitely not a friendly.*

Up a gumtree

LONDON appears to be facing a lime-tree crisis. Complaints are flooding into Westminster council as never before because lime trees this autumn have been exuding their nasty sticky discharge at unprecedented levels.

Last week the crisis brought cries of desperation from one reader who complained in the letters page of *The Times* that a tree in her garden was spewing forth "disgusting black muck". The tree was subject to a preservation order, so it could not be felled.

Westminster council blames the heavy autumn rains but admits that lime trees, planted mostly at the turn of the century because they thrived in London's smog, are not the decorative prize they once were. "Lime trees are prone to aphid attack, which causes the discharge. It helps if they are pruned," says Paul Aker, the council's arboricultural manager. Another solution is proposed on today's letters page. But should all else fail, Aker has one last suggestion. "Perhaps plant another tree nearby, and when it is large enough we could look again at the preservation order."

● *Some confusion in Hong Kong, where a bookshop has been puzzled by the invoice accompanying a delivery of Baroness Thatcher's memoirs. The bill was for copies of a book called* The Dragon Lady. *"I don't know how they made the mistake," says the shop manager. "This one is subtitled The Life and Legend of the Last Empress of China.*

Serenade for one

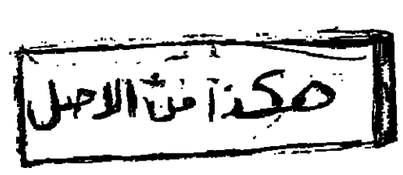
YEHUDI and Diana Menuhin are off to Germany this week but not, this time, to continue Lord Menuhin's campaign to save his beloved Ruhr-based orchestra, Philharmonia Hungarica. The star of this show is to be Lady Menuhin, the violin virtuoso's wife for the past 46 years.



Yehudi Menuhin cedes the star role to his wife Diana

The launch of her second volume of memoirs is to be celebrated at a distinguished gathering in Hamburg's Museum of Art History. The new book, *Blick in Paradies* (*Glimpse of Olympus* when it is published in English) is not so much a sequel to her 1984 offering, *Fiddler's Moll*, as a prequel. It tells of her life before she met Menuhin and how, as London-born Diana Gould, her career with the Russian Ballet got under way at the age of 14. "I was the last dancer to be chosen by Diaghilev. Unfortunately he died a week before I joined." Nevertheless, by the time she retired at 34 she had danced with many of the company's stars.

Lady Menuhin says her early life was excellent training for the rigours of touring with her husband. "My mother's strict Edwardian upbringing — no fires in the bedroom, that sort of thing. — and then the Russian ballet with only cold water in the theatre and 15 hours of practice a day minimum. It was very tough. Life with Yehudi has been easy by comparison."



KEEPING PEACE ALIVE

The Middle East accord has not lost momentum

The cautious but hopeful sounds coming from Taba, the Egyptian resort where negotiators from Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation are attempting to translate into life their recent peace accord, indicate a determination on both sides to seize this historic chance for reconciliation. For the past week almost all top Israeli government and military officials have been absent from Jerusalem, engaged in the hectic attempt to work out the details of autonomy for Gaza and Jericho and meet the tight timetable for transfer of the first five areas of civic administration — education, health, welfare, direct tax and tourism — to a future Palestinian administration.

After initial wrangling, the past week has seen something of a breakthrough. The Israelis have found Palestinian negotiators well briefed and ready to discuss the bureaucratic details of the momentous change promised. For their part, the Israelis insist they will deliver, however complicated the challenge. Both Yitzhak Rabin and Yassir Arafat have burned their bridges. Both must demonstrate to their peoples rapid and visible progress. Both know that sceptics and rejectionists still have the power, at this delicate stage, to rupture the accord.

Even as their negotiators were sweating through the details, Hamas, the militant fundamentalist movement, kidnapped and murdered a settler at Bet El in a calculated challenge to Fatah, Mr Arafat's power base. Hamas calculated that the killing would inflame Israeli public opinion and stall the talks, while violent retaliation by settlers, already nervous and feeling betrayed by the Rabin government, would rekindle the dying intifada on the West Bank.

Many senior Israelis now accept that a Palestinian state, even if not fully viable or independent, is now inevitable. Several insist that what is good for the Palestinians need not necessarily be at the expense of Israel — though probably more are deeply sceptical that Arab enmity has really abated. Many Palestinians also remain sceptical, believing that Israel will never deal equitably over fundamentals such as water and Jerusalem. But even on these intractables, think tanks are already mapping out possible compromise.

All agree that however well the Israeli-PLO talks go, any durable peace must include Syria. And here the prospects do not look so bright. Arab countries were piqued at being kept in the dark over the secret Israeli-PLO talks. But the reaction in Damascus was one of cold fury. Enmity and suspicion govern the relations between Mr Arafat and President Assad. The Syrian leader was aghast to find himself outwitted by the PLO chairman. The country has long seen itself as the Arab pivot in the region, and now finds itself sidelined — an impression strengthened by Israel's admission that talks with Syria are on the back-burner.

Syria therefore refuses to spell out what sort of peace it is prepared to offer in return for total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Each country accuses the other of stalling. The loss of momentum has prompted speculation that neither is ready for full peace: Israel cannot contemplate a return to the vulnerable pre-1967 borders, and the embattled Baathist regime would find it hard to justify massive defence spending and keep its tight grip of a restless population without the excuse of the state of war with Israel.

Despite recent Israeli calls for a Rabin-Assad summit, there is little Israel can offer in the short term to move the Syrians. Israel affects unconcern, saying they have nowhere to go, and their capacity for trouble-making is limited. But that capacity will prevent Lebanon making any separate peace, and may also slow the pace of normalisation with Jordan. The Syrians may in the end have to be bought off by the Americans, with the prospect of money, removal from the blacklist of nations sponsoring terrorism and a real relationship with Washington to replace the defunct Soviet patron. That must now be the priority. No regional peace will last unless comprehensive. Arab unity, once the elusive goal in the confrontation with Israel, must be forged in pursuit of peace. That is now also Israel's view.

EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISE

Urban schools need urgent attention

The key findings of the National Commission on Education, disclosed in *The Times* today, augur well for the final report of an enquiry whose occasional publications have been generally disappointing. Inspired by a speech delivered to the British Association by Sir Claus Moser in 1990, the independent commission was launched two years ago with John Major's support to draw up a vision for the education system. In its expected focus upon the emerging educational underclass in city schools — and suggestions for reform — it strikes boldly at the heart of the matter.

Last week's bleak report on urban schooling by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) underlined the scale of the problem. In their visits to seven low income areas, inspectors discovered "inadequate and disturbing" standards in schools, and teachers who "too readily over-generalised the extent and effect of pupils' disadvantage. . .to explain poor performance and depress expectations of improvement". The "rising tide" of educational improvement was leaving such schools behind. A nation deeply concerned about juvenile crime, the growth of the underclass, and the impact of the skills deficit upon competitiveness cannot afford to ignore such a warning.

The government has made occasional efforts to address urban educational failure, notably in the City Technology College initiative and the £2 million set aside last year for the reading recovery programme. Its latest strategy is more of a stick than a carrot. From January, John Patten, the education secretary, will be legally entitled to send teams of his own appointees into failing schools, which will then opt out of council control or close. Shock therapy of this kind may improve the lot of the schools which survive it, but will inevitably remain a last resort, offering little to the majority of low-achieving urban schools.

The worst misconception in the debate on inner city education has been that the problem is essentially intractable. British educationists would do well to examine the example of the East Harlem ghetto in which enterprising management of schools drove the basic literacy rate up from 15 per cent in 1973 to 64 per cent in 1988. In this country, examination league tables have indeed confirmed that pupils in deprived areas tend to perform worst; but they have also shown that individual schools in such areas can buck the trend. There is no case for fatalism.

The national commission is expected to tackle the issue in the right way, by concentrating upon priorities, incentives and the imaginative use of resources. The new national funding formula for schools should take greater account of their pupils' background. Special allowances and training incentives should be introduced to attract the most able teachers to the worst schools. The East Harlem experiment showed that the mobility of professional talent between schools of different kinds was as essential as the competitive spirit in the classroom.

Teaching unions must therefore accept that more flexible pay arrangements than are currently permitted by the national salary structure will be needed if sink schools are to be rejuvenated; they should also heed Ofsted's complaint that many teachers' expectations of pupils are still far too low. The government, meanwhile, is right to press ahead aggressively with its development of an educational marketplace. But it must also acknowledge that some areas need special attention and that the problem of urban schooling cannot safely be shelved. The nation's schools need the educational equivalent of enterprise zones.

DOLCE VITA

Fellini's life was a unique chapter in post-war cinema

With Federico Fellini's death, another shadow falls across world cinema: for very few of the directors who rejuvenated cinema in the post-war decades, and showed that movies meant more than Betty Grable, remain active today. Satyajit Ray died last year; Ingmar Bergman has more or less retired. Illness incapacitates Fellini's contemporary Antonioni, while the great Robert Bresson, aged 86, made his last film a decade ago. One need only peruse the current brochure for the London Film Festival, which starts on Thursday, to see how far the old masters have been replaced. Youth now calls the tune.

Fellini, however, was someone special, and not just because of the visual excitement, poetry and fantasy, of films like *La Strada*, *8½* or *La Dolce Vita*. No anonymous artisan, Fellini was always a public figure: he cut a swathe on the world stage as few film directors had since the Hollywood heyday of Cecil B. De Mille. If Robert Bresson sat in a pavement cafe, for instance, no-one would blink an eye: but all Rome would spot the flamboyant Fellini engaged in two of his favourite activities, eating and drinking.

His films reflected his private manner. They were blatantly personal, repeatedly ransacking childhood memories, adult obsessions and neuroses. His wife, Giulietta Masina, supplied a ready-made heroine in *La Strada*, *Le Notte di Cabiria* and *Juliet of the Spirits*, while Marcello Mastroianni almost became his own stand-in as the film director racked with uncertainties in *8½* and the train traveller with libidinous, all-female dreams in *City of Women*.

Fellini blazed a trail that others quickly followed, not always with happy results: it is hard to imagine Ken Russell's excesses, for instance, without Fellini's example. Curiously, while Italy worshipped Fellini, its own film-makers showed little sign of falling under the influence: they knew perhaps more than most how unique his work was.

With Fellini gone, cinema has also lost some much-needed colour. His whimsies might have grown out of hand in his later films, but the carnival of grotesques, clowns, clerics, and bosomy ladies kept his films remote from the staid good taste of so much European art cinema. To quote the title of a documentary film on the master, "Ciao, Federico!".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rhetoric while the slaughter goes on

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer

Sir, In an address delivered to the Friends of the Union in January 1988, Conor Cruise O'Brien, a former member of the Dublin government, eloquently stated:

An IRA spokesman can ask his fellow countrymen in effect: "Why is it wrong for us to fight, for the ideal to which you claim to be devoted?" To which the average citizen and the average politician can have no convincing answer within the framework of the habitual rhetoric, or even such framework as the vestiges of rhetoric may provide.

The truth of that observation, and its direct bearing on article 2 of the constitution of the Irish Republic ("the national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland") is aptly illustrated by the picture (October 28) of the president of Sinn Fein helping to carry the coffin of a member of the IRA who died planting the bomb that killed ten people in Belfast. That coffin, I was dismayed to see, was draped with the national flag of the Republic of Ireland.

All Irish Nationalists must be laughing at us. The IRA and their colleagues in Sinn Fein are laughing in our faces, and that we should not tolerate. It is certainly no laughing matter for the police, 290 of whom have been killed by the IRA during the last 20 years, who had the wretched job of escorting the cortege to the cemetery, where the usual graveside oration was given by a leading member of Sinn Fein.

The Dublin government seems at last to be moving towards an acceptance of the fact that Northern Ireland is an integral part of the United Kingdom. It is time for our government to state firmly that the illegal claim to British territory by another country of the European Community must be deleted from the Irish constitution. Until that is done, the IRA cannot be defeated, and our fellow-countrymen in Northern Ireland cannot feel secure.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. Q. SWITZER,
Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
October 28.

From Mr Duncan J. Cardow

Sir, The desperate sadness of last Saturday's bombing in Belfast and last night's shootings in Greysteel, near Londonderry, should be taken as a marker to bolster the Hume-Adams talks, not to stop them. The government should support the initiative and demonstrate a willingness to look for a solution.

Perhaps it should start by changing the broadcasting restrictions. I find it quite ridiculous to see the face of Gerry Adams on television and hear the dubbed voice of an "Irish" actor. If we are to see his face, then let us hear his voice.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN CARDOW,
44 Hamilton Park West, N5.
October 31.

Women of the year

From the Chairman of the Women of the Year Lunch

Sir, I was astonished to read Anne McElvoy's article on the Women of the Year Lunch ("Why do women find it so hard to have fun?", October 27). Is it possible that writing good news is no longer news?

Eve Pollard's speech gave us many laughs and underlined the spirit of camaraderie in the room. Patricia Scotland was funny and articulate. But why was not a word written about the moving and compassionate speech given by Susan McHugh, the Irish peace campaigner? Surely this was worthy of a mention, or are we, as women, not supposed to care about the recent events in Northern Ireland as to do so might be taking ourselves too seriously?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Michael Noakes

Sir, Anne McElvoy should have been on our table. We had a group of interesting people with differing talents and achievement, stimulating and wide-ranging conversation, great fun!

Yours faithfully,
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Female artists

From Mr Roger Plant

Sir, Alison Roberts writes (October 23) that Vanessa Bell, Elizabeth Thompson and Mary Potter are not well known names, and that Gwen John is known primarily as Rodin's lover, not as a talented painter. It is surely a matter of what circles you live in.

The strength and importance of Vanessa Bell, Gwen John and Mary Potter at least as artists is recognised by art historians and curators of public collections, where their work is well represented.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER PLANT,
23 Highbury Place, N5.
October 29.

Safeguarding the health service

From the Secretary of State for Health

Sir, Sir Stanley Simmons (letter, October 27) can be reassured that it is most certainly not this government's intention to depart one jot from the principle that the NHS should provide care on the basis of clinical need regardless of the ability to pay.

Where he and I differ is over his contention that GP fundholders jeopardise this principle. On the contrary, they are helping to get more and better patient care from the resources spent on the NHS. It is by doing this that we shall safeguard the founding principle of the health service through a period of enormous pressures on it.

Fundholders have been successful in achieving quality improvements as well as quicker access to care for their patients. But so, too, have health authorities, who act on behalf of other family doctors. There is ample evidence that hospitals are becoming more responsive to the needs of all those who use their services, whether those services are paid for by the health authority or the fundholder.

I continue to support the guidance which the government agreed with the joint consultants committee on GP fundholding and waiting times. Where difficulties arise we should work constructively with the profession to improve the system.

I want, however, to work within a framework where GP fundholding and its associated benefits are spread as widely as possible. As the president of the Royal College of Physicians points out, in his letter in the same issue, "responsibility for the care of individual patients rests with an individual doctor". We should do all we can to encourage fundholding, which has been so successful in empowering GPs to exercise that responsibility.

Sir Stanley also raises the issue of the length of time patients wait for investigations and treatment. In the first two years of the reforms an extra 1.3 million patients were treated. We have eliminated waiting times of over two years and have set and are meeting 18-month treatment guarantees for hips, knees and cataracts.

For the first time in the history of the NHS we have required regions to set hospitals challenging waiting time targets for first out-patient appointments for all patients. Of those patients put on a waiting list half are now treated within five weeks and only 2 per cent wait for in-patient or day-case treatment for longer than a year. These improvements would not have been possible without the NHS reforms.

Yours etc,
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Investing in design

From Mr James Pilditch

Sir, Your report of the widening trade gap (Business News, October 22) noted that "Britain . . . is showing an alarming propensity to suck in imports" and that despite the considerable competitive advantage afforded by sterling's devaluation British consumers are spending their money on imported goods.

Of course they will. Where's the surprise? Too many firms have failed to grasp the necessity of finding out what customers will want and satisfying their wishes. Design — in a full sense — has become central to that need.

Among our competitors, the Japanese know this and are acting on it. In 1985 the MITI (Ministers of International Trade and Industry) committee produced a powerful report on "Design Strategies for the 90s".

In 1989, it staged a "year of design", with hundreds of events, spending a reported $50 million on design promotion. It published another such report this year, full of detailed proposals.

The MITI committee, which was led by Shychiro Toyota, president of Toyota, and contained senior men from Sharp, Sony and Toshiba, concluded that "design policy must be developed on a global basis" and that Japan should "contribute to the upgrading of design experts in developing countries in Asia".

Korea and Singapore are also investing heavily in design education. So are France, Germany and the United States.

In contrast, the DTI has recently announced that Britain's 49-year-old Design Council is to be "refocused into a smaller advisory body", with many of its present services transferred to a number of local "Business Links" advisory centres.

It has been speculatively suggested that, as a result, the council's staff may be cut back from more than 200 to under 50 and that its annual grant-in-aid of £7.5 million be reduced to under £3 million.

While any effort to do things better is to be welcomed, promoting design less, for the sake of the public expenditure round (one reason given officially), would be truly short-sighted. By investing in design, governments of other countries are telling us plainly where they see the competitive battle is to be fought.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES PILDITCH,
62 Cadogan Square, SW1.
October 24.

Tree-planting hurdle

From Sir John Johnson, Chairman of the Countryside Commission

Sir, It is unfortunate, to say the least, that current European Community regulations on set-aside land do not allow for tree planting (letters, October 18, 28).

Set-aside, which aims to reduce agricultural surpluses, requires that 15-18 per cent of land owned by all but the smallest arable producers must lie idle when it could be benefiting the nation through, for example, the creation of new woodlands.

England's tree cover is a mere 7 per cent — one of the lowest in Europe. At a time when the Countryside Commission and other bodies are trying to reverse this trend, EC rulings are holding us back.

Farmers wishing to support the Commission's 12 community forests being planned on the edges of major towns and cities in England, or indeed the National Forest which is being created in a 200-square-mile area of the Midlands, are naturally loath to spare land for planting on top of their required set-aside.

Six leading organisations — the Country Landowners Association, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, The National Farmers Union, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Timber Growers United Kingdom — are now jointly voicing their concern.

Their plea for the government to fight for a woodland option for farmers affected by set-aside rules is one which my commission is happy to endorse. And I know that the Minister of Agriculture, Mrs Shephard, is sympathetic to it. For the benefit of this and future generations, may it not fall on deaf ears in Brussels.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JOHNSON, Chairman,
Countryside Commission,
John Dower House, Crescent Place,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Yeovil's supermarket

From Mr John Miller

Sir, The facts about Sainsbury's proposed superstore in Yeovil do not support the rhetoric of the Wyndham Action Group (report, map and photograph, October 27). The council has consistently fought applications to build superstores outside Yeovil's main shopping area. In 1988 it opposed five applications, including one from Sainsbury's. The environment minister subsequently allowed two.

This accelerated the economic decline of the bottom of the town, and the council arranged a meeting with traders and Paddy Ashdown, the local MP, to explore ways of rejuvenating the area. Attracting a major supermarket was seen as one solution.

In the Sainsbury's proposal the site will extend onto a field at the foot of Wyndham Hill which has long been designated in the approved local plan for car parking. The route of the associated relief road, mainly on the trackbed of an old railway line, was agreed as long ago as 1987 after public consultations. In his last four general election manifestos Paddy Ashdown indicated his support for the road.

If the council refuses permission, Sainsbury's could appeal. Alternatively, it could reactivate its dormant application for a site in the west of Yeovil, raising the spectre of four major supermarkets altogether (if the appeal for a new Safeway is accepted) reaching out from the western edge of town. That would leave the shopping centre with boarded-up businesses. Any hope of pumping fresh life into the heart of Yeovil would almost inevitably fail.

The council will be debating Sainsbury's application at a public meeting in November, when members will be faced with difficult choices between economic regeneration, environmental preservation and traffic improvements.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MILLER (Leader, South
Somerset District Council),
The Council Offices,
Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset.

From Mr R. P. Gullett

Sir, Paddy Ashdown preaches, apparently without intended irony, that "Politics is about making difficult decisions . . . decisions that are right and appropriate; you have to make a judgment on environmental damage on one hand and economic regeneration on the other".

How does the far-seeing Mr Ashdown tell us he arrived at this finely balanced judgment to support the Sainsbury project? "I've done a survey that shows a 2-1 majority in favour of it."

Vote Gallup for a better Britain!

Yours faithfully,
R. P. GULLETT,
5 Norland Square, W11.

Letters for publication may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Identity cards and personal freedom

From Mr Derek R. Markham

Sir, Most citizens are pleased to enjoy the benefits derived from their ability to carry appropriate proof of identity, whether it be credit card, passport, driving licence, club membership card, or other document. Those who choose not to do so cannot expect any of the attendant advantages.

The current proposals of the social security secretary to introduce identity cards for benefit claimants (report, October 25, leading article, October 26) are meant to ensure that the law-abiding majority of claimants do not have their rightful share of state benefit threatened by a minority of fraudsters.

It seems to me that the home secretary has a duty to ensure that those wishing to possess the advantages of ID card ownership should be allowed to. A voluntary scheme, with proper legislation to prevent abuse by authority, would be very popular among the dominant sector of the population with nothing to hide, who wish to enjoy the benefits of modern society with minimum inconvenience.

They would also be secure in the knowledge that life for the few who have dubious reasons for eschewing such proof of identity would be made considerably more difficult.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK R. MARKHAM,
Windacre, Enton,
Godalming, Surrey.
October 26.

From Miss Wendy Vaizey

Sir, Your leading article advocating identity cards for benefit claimants but not for all citizens is illogical.

All the arguments against a national ID card also apply to benefit claimants. They, too, often carry some sort of proof of identity from choice for much of the time, but may wish to go for a walk unencumbered. They, too, are capable of determining what the state needs to know about them, and are already obliged — rightly so — to divulge all kinds of personal information to the state.

Benefit claimants are perfectly capable of producing proof of identity at a bank or a benefit office without being issued with a "poor people's card".

Yours faithfully,
WENDY VAIZEY,
8 Snowdrop Close,
Hampton, Middlesex.
October 26.

From Miss Mary-Elizabeth Raw

Sir, I agree with most of your leader on the question of carrying identity cards, but why is it acceptable for benefit claimants to have ID cards and not everyone?

As someone receiving benefit I do not object to having an ID card. What I do object to is the formation of a two-tier system. Why should benefit claimants, and this must include people getting child benefit and pensions, be the only people required to have official ID? This would take away the right to anonymity and individuality which you argue for in the rest of the leader.

Yours faithfully,
MARY-ELIZABETH RAW,
40 Milton Green,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.
October 26.

From Mr Donald D. Christie

Sir, Do civil liberties include the right to perpetrate fraud? Can we have civil liberties without civil responsibilities? Can the individual be free in a society unwilling to accept the restrictions that the welfare of the whole demands? Some people seem to think so.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD CHRISTIE,
18 St John's Road,
Poole, Dorset.
October 25.

Kill or cure

From Dr Julia Burn

Sir, It is not Mrs Mary Corbett's lime tree which spews forth "disgusting black muck" (letter, October 27). The greenfly which feed on its flower buds exude a colourless but sticky "honey". This drops on her plants and the council's pavement and on it black fungus grows.

Instead of murdering the "majestic" tree, she should spray the greenfly with a good strong sprayer.

Yours faithfully,
JULIA BURN,
4 Clarence Crescent,
Windsor,
Berkshire.
October 27.

A lesser variety?

From the Countess of Minto

Sir, It is not only the Chancellor who may employ sneaky methods of raising revenue. At my village shop the medium-sized tin of Heinz tomato soup has become an almost imperceptibly smaller 405 grams — from its former 435 grams — at a noticeably inflated price of 48p. My last tin, of 435g, was 43p.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
CAROLINE MINTO,
Minto Home Farm,
Hawick, .
Roxburghshire.
October 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 30: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and Mrs Jagan and bade farewell to His Excellency and Mrs Jagan on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 30: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a performance of *The Barber of Seville* and a dinner in aide of MENCAP and CORDA at Chequers, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.
Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 30: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, today arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Singapore and Malaysia.
Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 31: Mr Terence Gardiner was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).
Mr Kenneth Richardson was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).
By command of The Queen, the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy for the United States of America and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 31: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, this afternoon left Heathrow Airport, London, to carry out official engagements in New York.
On arrival at the airport, Her Royal Highness was received by Miss Ann Swift (Consul-General of the United States of America), Sir Derek Dodson (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mr Michael Street (Head of Service Delivery, British Airways plc) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager Special Facilities, Heathrow Airport Limited).


The rare Thomas Rowlandson drawing that an auction house wrongly attributed to an inferior artist

Dealer cashes in on auction-house error

By John Shaw

A RARE early study by the pen and ink master Thomas Rowlandson was on sale for £2,700 at the City Antiques & Fine Art Fair yesterday after an auction house blunder.

Philip Goodman, a dealer who specialises in the artist's work, spotted the drawing in a sale catalogue this year, wrongly attributed to Samuel Howitt, the artist's brother-in-law, whose work is inferior and therefore much cheaper.

Mr Goodman, who has a gallery in Norfolk, will reveal neither how much he paid nor whether the source of his discovery was Christie's or Sotheby's. "There will be an inquest probably, and somebody will get kicked up the backside," he said. "But it shows you can still find things. You need to be prepared to back your judgment."

The drawing shows a highwayman holding up a nobleman and his wife in their carriage. Rowlandson (1756-1827) was the finest of several draughtsmen who depicted life and manners in 18th and early 19th century England. His work sells for £1,000 upwards, with large group scenes making in the region of £200,000.

Mr Goodman's hunch that the drawing was an original was confirmed by Dr John Hayes, director of the National Portrait Gallery and an acknowledged scholar on Rowlandson, who dated it to the late 1770s or early 1880s. The artist would then have been in his early twenties.

The fair, held at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, closes tonight.

Marriages

The Hon Patrick Cairns and Miss F.L. Rena
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Edmund's, Calne, Wiltshire, of the Hon Patrick Cairns, son of Earl and Countess Cairns, to Miss Francesca Rena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Rena. Father Leo Porter officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Eliza and Alice Cockerell, Florence Heathcoat-Amory and Miss Sophie Rena. Mr Edward Heathcoat-Amory was best man.
Receptions were held at Bencroft House, Stanley, Wiltshire, and later at Bolehyde Manor, Allington, Wiltshire. The honeymoon will be spent in Antigua.

Mr P.J. Preston-Morley and Ms D. Gunnell
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 30, 1993, at St George's Church, Barbourne, Worcester, of Mr Peter Preston-Morley, elder son of Mr R.J.P. Morley, of Buckingham, and the late Mrs B.G. Morley, to Ms Dawn Gunnell, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Gunnell, of Worcester. The Rev Sam Lowe officiated.
The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Rebecca and Sarah Smith. Mr Alan Dyson was best man.
A reception was held in Worcester and the honeymoon is being spent in Mauritius.

Mr T.M. Whitehead and Miss S.M. Patel
The marriage took place quietly in Beverley, on October 9, between Mr Maximilian Whitehead and Miss Shilakumari Patel.

The Hon Martin Hunt and Miss O.L. Fennell
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, of the Hon Martin Hunt, younger son of Lord Hunt of Tanworth and the late Hon Mrs Hunt, and stepson of Lady Hunt of Tanworth, to Miss Olivia Fennell, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Fennell. Cardinal Basil Hume officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Catherine Hall, Julia Gill, Nathalie Brodie, James Forbes and James Hunt. Mr Gregory Pickard was best man.
A reception was held at the House of Lords and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

The Hon Edward Wood and Miss K.M. Ormerod
A service of blessing was held on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Bransdale, after the marriage of the Hon Edward Wood, only son of Lord and Lady Holderness, to Miss Katherine Ormerod, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Denis Ormerod. The Right Rev Lord Coggan and the Rev Alan Hughes officiated.
A reception was held at Bransdale Lodge.

Mr S.B. Macnaghten and Mrs E. Monaghan
The marriage took place in London on October 23, between Mr Stuart B. Macnaghten and Mrs Emma Monaghan, née Majdalany. Miss Holly Monaghan and Master Ben Macnaghten were in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.N. Gibbon and Miss L.K. Pulay
The engagement is announced between Gary Gibbon, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Gibbon, of Paphos, Cyprus, and Laura, daughter of the late Mr George Pulay and of Lady Harman, of London, W8.

Mr H.W. Gravell and Miss A.J. Llewellen Palmer
The engagement is announced between Humphrey, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Gravell, of Leigh, Kent, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Colonel C.T. Llewellen Palmer and of Mrs C.T. Llewellen Palmer, of Great Somerford, Wiltshire.

Mr C.E. Murdoch and Ms C.A. Hurley
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Murdoch, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Charlotte, daughter of Mrs Valda Gaye, of Hampton Hill, Middlesex, and Mr John Sims, of New York City, USA.

Mr R.J. Hope and Miss C.E. Brinton
The engagement is announced between Rory, son of Mr P. Hope, of Toller Porcorum, Dorset, and Mrs M. Hope, of London, and Catharine, eldest daughter of Mr C.T.C. Brinton, of Stourton, Staffordshire, and Mrs R.A. Brinton, of Holt Heath, Worcestershire.

Mr A.J.N. Headlam and Miss K.L.M. Maitland Hume
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Headlam, of Brampton Abbotts, Herefordshire, and Katherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Maitland Hume, of Edinburgh and Gloucestershire.

Mr A.J.W. Hill and Miss C.R.B. McCarthy
The engagement is announced between between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs John Hill, of Carinya, Cobbitty, NSW, Australia, and Kiki, only daughter of Commander and Mrs Sandy McCarthy, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr R.G.B. Burgoyne and Miss S.M. Keville
The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Burgoyne, of Wivelsfield, Sussex, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Keville, of Shipley, Sussex.

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Help the Aged, will attend the Help the Aged Tunstall Golden Awards at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 12.10; and, as Patron of the Chicken Shed Theatre Company, will attend a gala concert at the Equinox, Leicester Square, at 7.10.

The Princess Royal, as Upper Warden of the Woolmen's Company, will attend a court meeting and livery dinner at Saddlers' Hall at 5.25.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit Willson's Cottages, Newport, Lincoln, at 11.55; will attend a luncheon at the White Hart Hotel, Bailgate, to mark the 40th anniversary of Lincoln Civic Trust, at 12.35; will visit Lincoln Cathedral at 2.15; and, as President of the East Midland Tourist Board, will visit the offices at Exchequergate at 3.45.

The Duke of Kent, as Honorary Patron of the European Community Baroque Orchestra, will atend a concert at Kensington Palace at 6.45.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Benvenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1500; Antonio Canova, sculptor, Possagno, Italy, 1757; Pietro da Cortona, painter and architect, Cortona, Italy, 1596; Nicolas Boileau Despréaux, poet, Paris, 1636; John Strype, historian, London, 1643; Spencer Perceval, Prime Minister 1809-12, London, 1762; Stephen Crane, poet, author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, Newark, New Jersey, 1871; L.S. Lowry, painter, Manchester, 1887; David Jones, writer and artist, Brockley, Kent, 1895; Edmund Blunden, poet and writer, London, 1896.
DEATHS: John Radcliffe, physician, Carshalton, 1714; Alexander Cruden, author of *Biblical Concordance*, London, 1770; Lord George Gordon, Protestant agitator, Newgate Prison, London, 1793; Alfred Mynn, cricketer, London, 1861; Theodor Mommsen, historian, Charlottenburg, Germany, 1903; Alfred Jarry, dramatist and poet, Paris, 1907; Ezra Pound, poet, Venice, 1972; King Vidor, film director, California, 1982.
Today is All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day).
The first radio licences went on sale in Britain at a cost of ten shillings (50p), 1922.
The first stretch of the M1 was opened, 1959.

Birthdays today

Mr Umberto Agnelli, deputy chairman, Fiat, 59; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, former Lord Mayor of London, 59; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, former master, Churchill College, Cambridge, 74; the Right Rev L.A. Brown, former Bishop of Birmingham, 86; Admiral Sir John Bush, 79; Mr Terence Cuneo, painter, 86; Miss Victoria de los Angeles, opera singer, 70; Mr Michael Denison, actor, 78; Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former, MP, 68; His Honour George Dobry, 75; Miss Tazeena Firth, designer, 58; Lord Harmar-Nicholls, 81; Mr D.C. Hobson, former senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, 71; Sir Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat, 70; Mr Andrew Knight, executive chairman, News International, 54; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 96; Mr Gary Player, golfer, 58; Mr John Pullen, rugby player, 52; Mr James Ramsden, former MP, 70; Mr Gerald Ratner, former chief executive, Ratners Group, 44.

People and Places

The Life and Work of Carlo Goldoni, a soirée in the People and Places series, will be held on Monday, December 6, at 7pm, at the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden, in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital Children's Appeal. Tickets are available from Mrs Iris Banham-Lee, telephone: 0747 860136.

Service dinners

Naval 8/208 Squadron Association
Air Commodore B.C. Laite presided at the annual dinner of the Naval 8/208 Squadron Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club. Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Air Officer Commanding, RAF Strike Command, was the guest speaker and presented the Geoffrey Bromet Memorial Trophy to Flight Lieutenant John Tait.

East Lancs Wing ATC
Air Marshal Sir John Willis, AOC-in-C RAF Support Command, and Lady Willis were the guests of honour of Wing Commander D. Forbes, Commanding Officer, and members of East Lancashire Wing ATC at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Broadfield Hotel, Rochdale. Squadron Leader T. Foley presided.

Memorial services

Peter Frank Stott
A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life and work of Professor Peter Frank Stott, CBE, MA, FEng, FICE, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers 1989-1990, will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Monday, November 8, 1993. Tickets are not required. All colleagues and friends are welcome.

Michael Seely
A memorial service for Michael Seely, the former racing correspondent of *The Times*, will be held at noon on November 16 at St Bride's, Fleet Street.

Dr Ralph Johnson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Ralph Johnson was held on Saturday in Wadham College Chapel, Oxford. The Rev Michael Roden officiated. Mr John Flemming, warden, read the lesson and Mrs Johnson, widow, read from Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet*. Mr John Potter, Dean of Degrees, and Major-General James Lunt gave addresses.

Sir John Anthony Plowman
A Memorial Service for Sir John Anthony Plowman will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Monday, November 15, 1993, at 5pm.

Dinner

Celtic Football Club
Mr Kevin Kelly, Chairman of Celtic Football Club, was host at a dinner held last night at the Forte Crest Hotel, Glasgow, in honour of Mr Sean Fallon. The Archbishop of Glasgow said grace. Among those present were:
Mr David Smith, Mr James Farrell, Mr Christopher White, Mr Michael Kelly, Mr Tom Grant and Mr Jack McGinn (directors, Celtic Football Club); the Bishop of Motherwell, Mr Danny McGrain (manager, Arbroath Football Club), Mr Tommy Burns (manager, Kilmarnock Football Club) and Mr John McBeth (chairman, Clyde Football Club).

The History of The Times — Vol. 6

The latest volume in the history of *The Times* is published today by Times Books. Subtitled *The Thomson Years* it covers in detail the story of the paper and its journalists from 1966 to 1981. Written by the historian and journalist John Grigg, the dramatic life of the paper during a period of great change and upheaval is seen as part of the story of Britain and of the world. Priced at £25 *The History of The Times — Volume 6* is available through all good book shops.

Church news

Clergy appointments
The Rev Peter Evans, formerly non-stipendiary minister, Romford, St Alban: to be non-stipendiary Curate-in-charge, Coopersale (Chelmsford).
The Rev Duncan Green, Chelmsford Diocesan Youth officer: to be *also* Warden and Chaplain of St Mark's College Residential Centre (Chelmsford).
The Rev Michael Hart, Rector, St Mary, Newington: to be *also* Rural Dean of Southwark and Newington (Southwark).
The Rev Anne Hill: to be Substitute Chaplain at HM Prison, Belmarsh (Southwark).
The Rev Michael Hore, Rural Dean of Storrington, and Rector, Storrington: to be Vicar, Goring-by-Sea (Chichester).
The Rev Richard Millard, Curate (NSM), Laleham (London): to be Curate (NSM), to the Rural Dean of Tunstead and to serve the benefice of Neatishead, Barton Turf and Irstead (Norwich).
The Rev Peter Nokes, Priest-in-charge, Epping, St John: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Coopersale (Chelmsford).
The Rev Jonathan Riviere, Vicar, Quidenham Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, the Somerleyton group w Blundeston and Lound (Norwich).
The Rev David Roberts, Vicar, Oxclose and Anglican Minister in the Oxclose Local Ecumenical Project: to be Priest-in-charge, parish of Christ Church, New Seaham (Durham).
The Rev Clive Rogers, formerly Assistant Curate, Church of the Ascension, Leicester (Leicester): to be Priest-in-charge, Ryhall w Essendine (Peterborough).
The Rev Michael Taylor, Assistant Curate, Loughton, St John: to be Vicar, Eastwood, St David (Chelmsford).
The Rev Dirk van Leeuwen, Chaplain of Haarlem, Netherlands: to be Chaplain, St Boniface, Antwerp, Belgium (Europe).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Alan Jones, Priest-in-charge, Finchingfield w. Cornish Hall End (Chelmsford): to retire as from December 31.
The Rev John Larter, Vicar, Wormingford and Mount Bures w. Little Horkseley (Chelmsford): to retire as from January 31 1994.
The Rev Canon John McDougal, Team Rector, Bride Valley Team Ministry (Salisbury): to retire as from January 31, 1994.
The Rev Brian Newton, Vicar, Burgh le Marsh (Lincoln): to retire as from June 13, 1994.
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Nature notes

MEADOW pipits from the hills and moors have now spread through southern England, sometimes settling on airfields. They are small brown birds that crouch low in the wind and are seldom noticed until they fly up with sharp, piping calls.

They also feed on the seashore: here they are not easy to distinguish from the native rock pipits, which are, however, slightly darker and larger. Mistle thrush families have broken up, and single birds or pairs are now defending holly trees or large clumps of mistletoe that will provide them with a supply of berries. Occasional bursts of song are heard from them. Most of the countryside is now yellow and gold with the slow changing of the leaves in the still, dry air. The last leaves on the horse-chestnuts are a rich ochreous yellow, the hazels and hornbeams have a more lemon tint.

On the aspens, the almost circular leaves with scalloped edges are olive-grey, while the new buds on the knobbly twigs are already crimson and plump. Pipistrelle bats are still hunting for flying beetles at night, uttering sharp squeaks: they will come out of hibernation even during a warm spell in midwinter. DJM

St Andrews Ball

The St Andrews Ball will be held at Grosvenor House, on Thursday, December 2. There will be a pre-Ball Session at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, November 4.

Ball tickets are £60 including dinner and breakfast, £45 Ball and breakfast only, from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire. SO24 0QQ.

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Woe betide those who lie in bed planning evil and wicked deeds, and rise at daybreak to do them, knowing they have the power to do evil! Micah 2:1 (REB)

BIRTHS

de CARVALHO - On October 26, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil to Sarah (née Jarman) and João Bosco de Carvalho, a son (Joshua Lucas Jarman).

DURHAM - On 26th October 1993 at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Sally (née Cowan) and Stephen, a daughter, Georgina Rose, a sister for Lucy and Sophie.

EYLES - On October 26th 1993, to Louise (née Johnson) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Jane.

GILMORE - On 29th October, to Fiona (née Triefus) and Richard, a son, Edward Jonathan Sholto, a brother for Daniel and Alexander.

ROBERT/PRIESTLEY - On 28th October, to Clare (née Priestley) and Jean-Claude, a son, Thomas Ellison.

WELLS - On October 14th, to Victoria (née Hurst) and Michael, a wonderful son, Adam Peter Richard, a brother for Mark.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

ROBBINS:LANGLEY - On 1st November 1933 at St Barnabas Church, Ealing, Enid Langley to Charles Robbins - Congratulations!

DEATHS

AINGER - On October 28th, peacefully in hospital, The Reverend John Allen, aged 75 years. Dearly loved father of Michael and Gregory and grandfather of Rhiannon, Bethan, Lynwen and John. Funeral Service on Friday 5th November at 12 noon at All Saints Church, Kempston, Beds., followed by interment at Kempston Cemetery. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations for the Rhiannon Ainger Donation Account may be sent to A.L. & G. Abbott Funeral Directors, 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds. MK42 8BH, tel: Bedford (0234) 843222.

BENTLEY - On October 28th 1993 suddenly but peacefully at home. Mary Elizabeth, treasured wife of Sam, mother of Christopher and loved grandmother and great grandmother. Private cremation follwed by a Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Wargrave at 2.30pm on Thursday November 4th. Family flowers only please but donations if so wished to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Hillfield Burghfield, Reading RG7 3YC.

BLACKWOOD - On October 29th, peacefully at home, Garsdon, Malmesbury, Group Captain William (Bill) Digby Blackwood, O.B.E., D.F.C. Beloved husband of D and father of Nicky. Stepfather of Antony, Michael, Charles and Peter and grandfather of Jamie and Toby. Family funeral at Garsdon Church on Wednesday 3rd November at 11.00 a.m. Memorial Service to be held in London, date to be announced. Family flowers only. Donations to the restoration of Garsdon Church - Garsdon PCC, c/o H&C Matthews, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

BOYER - October 26th at home in Dublin. Commander Francis Louis Oke RN (retired). Dearly loved husband of Dr Norah McNally and much loved brother, uncle and great uncle.

COHEN - Suddenly on October 28th at home, Gwen, beloved wife of the late Harry Cohen, formerly of Headcorn, Kent, sadly missed by all her family in Wales and Australia. Funeral Wednesday, service and cremation at Gwent Crematorium at 2 pm, where friends please meet, cut flowers may be sent to W.M. Bauch & Sons, 20 Commercial Street, Risca, Gwent. All enquiries (0633) 612531.

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JAMESON - On October 26th, peacefully in London after a short illness, Margaret Miranda (née Lampson), much loved wife of Geoffrey, mother of Jonathan, grandmother of Jessie, William and Georgia. Family funeral. Thanksgiving Service in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 12 noon Friday 26th November. Donations may be sent to The Development Trust, Royal Surgical Aid Society (Nursing Home for Alzheimers Sufferers), 47 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3PA.

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OBITUARIES

FEDERICO FELLINI

Federico Fellini, Italian film-maker, died in a Rome clinic yesterday after suffering a cardio-respiratory failure aged 73. He was born in Rimini on January 20, 1920.



SELF-INDULGENT was the word of reproof most frequently thrown at Fellini. The trouble was, he was liable to agree absolutely, with a Cheshire-cat smile. He was in practice the greatest exponent of Orson Welles's dictum that the film was "the best damned toy-box any boy was ever given". What was the point of making films if you did not indulge yourself first and foremost?

Consequently, Fellini exemplified virtually every one of the childish virtues, and gloried in the fact. He — and his films — were loud, undisciplined, improvident, tasteless if he felt like it. He never hesitated to show-off, and loved to be the centre of attention. He certainly allowed himself, in Arthur Miller's phrase, to be totally known. Everybody knew the trouble he'd seen. Everybody was invited to share in the agonies and ecstacies of his boyhood, to wallow along with him in his most outré erotic fantasies. No wonder the main thrust of his work was obsessively autobiographical.

In the circumstances, it is astonishing he did not run out of steam long ago. Writers who draw all their material from their own lives and experience tend to go round in ever-decreasing circles as gradually they have only the act of writing itself to write about. Fellini reached that stage around 1963 and triumphantly leapt clear of the impasse by making his most brilliantly assured, inventive film, *8½*, centred on a film-maker, not unlike Fellini himself, who finds himself unable to make a film which he is constantly discussing, fantasising about, and rejecting as not really what he wants or means.

For all his faults, Federico Fellini was one of the most strikingly innovative, individual and ebullient-ly inventive talents to emerge in the Italian cinema since the war. He was also the most popular and commercially successful of Italy's major film-makers; an outrageous and often wayward talent with a personal vision of mortal decadance which both fascinated and appalled him.

8½ (1963) was the third high point in his career, and some would say the last, though his later output was far from negligible. The two earlier peaks were *La Strada* (1954), which won an Oscar for best foreign film and made his name (and incidentally that of his wife Giulietta Masina) familiar in the art cinemas of the world, and *La Dolce Vita* (1959), which was one of the first supposedly art house movies to break through to a wider audience and prove a major box-office hit with the general public. For many it came to symbolise the decadence lying beneath the postwar prosperity of the 1960s.

Even after *La Dolce Vita* he was still complaining that his trouble was, he could always get all the money he wanted to make his last film over again; but nobody would trust him with the money to make his next. And indeed, some of his ideas must have sounded pretty crazy to anyone called upon to finance their realisation: the idea, for instance, of making a "documentary" about Rome in which every single location would be reconstructed in the studio, including about a kilometre of autostrada completely filled with cars. Yet that is precisely what Fellini did in *Roma* (1972), and turned this dubious proposition into a total triumph. After all, unlike Orson Welles, he always did manage somehow to raise the money for that elusive next project — even if it meant sometimes cutting his ideas down to suit the limitations of television. In his hands the small screen never looked bigger.

He had, of course, a phenomenal gift of the gab, an amazing ability to talk almost anyone into almost anything. It probably came from his showbusiness beginnings as a music-hall comic's stooge, gag writer and general odd-job man on radio. If his father, a travelling salesman, had had his way, it might have turned into legal eloquence, but young Federico never seems to have taken this possibility very seriously: the main use of enrolling in law school was to avoid being called up for military service. Whether or not he did, as he claimed, run away to follow a circus at the age of seven, certainly the fascination with sawdust, spangles and dreams was inescapable for him from very early on. Also a visual gift which expressed itself in the drawing of cartoons and caricatures, at first for their own sake to make money and later as a vital stage in the evolution of the characters in his films.

Federico Fellini was born of a solidly bourgeois family. He was before long drawing, writing, and drifting round aimlessly like one of the *vitelloni* from his later film. Like one of them, he found show business irresistibly alluring, and like another he soon embarked for Rome and the chances offered by a big city. He sketched for illustrated weeklies, and even scraped a living for a while as an instant caricaturist around the cafes.

His real professional beginning was in Rome at the end of the 1930s, particularly when he fell in with the actor Aldo Fabrizi, with whose theatre company he toured and for whose earlier comic films he invented gags. The decisive change came at the end of the war, when Fellini and Fabrizi were brought together with Roberto Rossellini to make what turned out, eventually, to be a cornerstone of Italian Neo-Realism, *Rome, Open City*. For this Fellini worked on the script and assisted with the direction, and Fabrizi played an unexpectedly serious role as the anti-fascist priest.

The collaboration with Rossellinii continued with *Taisa, Il Miracolo*, an episode of the Rossellini diptych *L'Amore* (which Fellini wrote and starred in with Anna Magnani), and *Francesco, Giullare di Dio*, a life of St Francis. These two latter seemed to be moving Rossellini away from the strict path of neo-realism, towards something much more symbolic and fantastic.

It was only when Fellini began making films on his own that it was clear where the new element came from. Even so, Fellini's own early films were all mistakenly regarded as neo-realist. The first of these was *Luci del Varieta* (1950) an affectionate backward look at the world of the tatty theatrical touring company in the Italian provinces, which he knew so well and which he co-directed with *Alberto Lattuada. In his second film, Lo Sceicco Bianco*, in the same year, he was out on his own. Here again he was dealing with a milieu he knew at first hand, that of the *fumetti*, those Italian picture-story magazines which had fired the imagination of his youth. Then in 1953 came his first masterpiece, *I Vitelloni*. This was an apparently neo-realistic study of a group of young middle-class layabouts in an Italian provincial town, but Fellini shot it through with a curious, unpredictable poetry.

But the real revelation came with his next film *La Strada* in 1954. This clearly had little to do with basic realism: it was, rather, a symbolic fantasy about the triangle formed by an inarticulate but violent strongman, the simple waif Gelsomina, who tags along, and a volatile circus performer. In particular, the character of Gelsomina, played with total conviction by Fellini's wife Giulietta Masina (whom he had met in his radio days) into an iconic female equivalent of Chaplin's little man. The performance was more or less repeated, with variations, in *Le Notte di Cabiria* ("Nights of Cabiria",1957), in which Massina played a similarly pathetic, buoyant prostitute. With this film Fellini won an Oscar for best foreign film for the second year running.

From these Fellini was well placed to go into orbit with *La Dolce Vita* (1959), an enormous, wide-screen panorama of the elegant, idle Rome depicting, in seven loosely-strung episodes, a reporter played by Marcello Mastroianni struggling to find meaning in his life as he covers the escapes of the residual nobility, film starlets and models, intellectuals, groupies and society hangers-on, that cluster around the Via Veneto — immaculately reconstructed in the studio, of course.

Opinions differed violently about what the message of the film might be, whether it had one, and whether it was deep or merely a glittering surface. Whatever it was, the film won the Golden Palm at the Cannes film festival and established Fellini without doubt as one of the world's master film makers.

His next film, *8½* — the title was the number of films he had made at that time: seven solo productions plus three collaborations or "half films" — was his most extraordinary and adventurous yet. It chronicles, from the inside, the emotional breakdown of a film-maker (like himself) whose last great success has given him almost limitless freedom to make a film; but he is bedevilled by doubts and hallucinations. Much of the material of the film is frankly autobiographical, drawing on Fellini's own published recollections, his dreams and nightmares.

This in itself brought problems but once back on track Fellini became one of the most reliable of film creators — on the principle, at least, that you always knew where you were with Macchiavelli. That is to say he was predictably unpredictable, consistently inconsistent.

Every now and then he would come up with something extraordinarily ambitious, like his visually stunning reconstruction of Petronius's *Satyricon* (1969) or his bizarre (but in general less approved) biographical evocation in 1977 of *Casanova* as a man (very much like himself) trapped in his own reputation. Between these there were the personal essays like *I Clowns* (1970) and *Roma* (1972), a form Fellini may be said to have invented and perfected all by himself.

His most directly autobiographical film, *Amarcord* (aah, I remember!) in 1973 was perhaps unduly literal, but found many admirers.

The best of his later films was probably *Ginger and Fred* (1985), in which Giulietta Masina came back to the screen to team with Marcello Mastroianni as former dance partners (modelling themselves on Astaire and Rogers) brought together again for a chaotic television show. That was fun, if an anecdote unduly inflated. Otherwise, the final films were perhaps too cute, too knowingly extravagant, too bent on being typical Fellini, to bear much scrutiny. But they were still being made, with scarcely reduced energy, when most other Italian film makers of that generation were silenced or dead.

In 1987, Fellini paid tribute to Cinecitta, the Rome studio where most of his films were shot, in *L'Intervista"* (The Interview). The film featured the aging stars of *La Dolce Vita* — a 56-year-old Anita Ekberg alongside Mastroianni — and himself.

In all, Fellini directed 20 feature films and in April this year was awarded a special Oscar for lifetime achievement, giving him a total of five Oscars, a record number of Academy Awards for a European film-maker.

Federico Fellini always embodied a sort of life-force, a bursting forth of creativity which sometimes appalled as much as it enchanted. In most ways, it did not matter which. To niggle was as pointless as trying to argue with Niagara.

In spite of his international renown Fellini lived relatively modestly in a flat in central Rome. He remained a public figure, however, giving lectures and continuing to develop potential film projects.

His last film was *The Voice of the Moon* in 1990. In August he suffered a stroke and this was followed by heart trouble on October 17 which left him in a coma.

He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Giulietta Masina. Their only child died of pneumonia aged 15 days in 1945.

SIR PETER TIZARD

Sir Peter Tizard, FRCP, Professor of Paediatrics at Oxford University, 1972-83, died on October 27 aged 77. He was born in London on April 1, 1916.



PETER TIZARD was an outstanding figure in British and international paediatrics and did much to establish the importance of this branch of medicine in the United Kingdom. He was among the first in the UK to apply the principles of scientific and physiological medicine to the newborn, and much of the impetus for advances in this field came from him.

John Peter Mills Tizard was the eldest son of Sir Henry Tizard, FRS, the famous scientist and government adviser on defence. He was educated at Rugby, Oriel College, Oxford, and the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, qualifying in medicine in 1941. After serving in the RAMC he held posts at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street and St Mary's Hospital, and was appointed Consultant at Paddington Green Children's Hospital in 1949. In 1951 he worked in the Neurology Department of the Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts and in 1954 was appointed Reader in Child Health at Hammersmith Hospital. It was during his 18 years there that he established himself as an academic paediatrician of world renown, and in 1964 he was appointed to a personal chair of paediatrics of London University.

Tizard's major achievement at Hammersmith Hospital was to create an outstanding unit for the care of the sick newborn and premature infant. He was also responsible for bringing many first class young academic clinicians into paediatrics. He took immense personal interest in the staff who went through his department, many of whom became professors of paediatrics. He had a talent for running a happy department with a sense of common purpose and his reputation in international paediatrics brought research fellows from many countries to work under him; they experienced a combination of kindness and intellectual discipline which they never forgot.

So great was Tizard's reputation for work with the newborn infant, that some outside Hammersmith Hospital did not realise that he also ran a flourishing paediatric department for older infants and children, where he showed great perceptiveness and kindness in dealing not only with their physical disorders but also with their emotional and family problems. Here he was much influenced by his friend and former colleague the child psychiatrist Donald Winnicott.

Tizard's decision to leave Hammersmith Hospital when he was offered the newly found Chair of Paediatrics at Oxford was a difficult one. He went partly because of his love for Oxford with its personal associations (his father had been president of Magdalen), but perhaps more because he was, at heart, more a builder than a runner of departments. Having made the newborn unit at Hammersmith Hospital, he enjoyed the challenge of establishing another at Oxford, which he did rapidly and equally successfully. His unit at Oxford shared all the qualities and strengths of that at Hammersmith but was no mere carbon copy, its field of research being even broader. Tizard himself was increasingly concerned with the factors causing brain damage in small premature infants. He also enjoyed college life and his fellowship of Jesus College, for he loved academic and other venerable institutions.

He was distinguished in many fields of medicine and paediatrics. He was a first-class child neurologist and an expert on cerebral palsy. He was a superb teacher and lecturer, receiving invitations from all parts of the world, and always taking great trouble in the preparation of his lectures, which were clear, learned and very witty. He served on many official and academic committees, and his advice was frequently sought in relation to matters of paediatric policy or research.

Tizard was the joint author of *Medical Care of Newborn Babies* (1972).

He took a full part in the activities of learned societies in paediatrics and in medicine generally, and towards the end of his career his energies seemed even greater: he undertook the presidency of the British Paediatric Association, 1982-85, and the Mastership of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries. He was knighted in the 1982 New Year's honours.

Peter Tizard may sometimes have been regarded by those who only saw him at scientific meetings as a little ruthless in the way he applied his obvious intelligence and ability; nothing could have been further from the truth, as all who worked with him, and his large circle of friends, knew. He was kind-hearted, very hospitable and prepared to take infinite trouble to help anyone — a warm, cultured man of wide interests who enjoyed good conversation and especially a good joke. He married in 1945 Joy Taylor who survives him together with their two sons and one daughter, who is a consultant paediatrician.

RICHARD LUFF

Richard Luff, City Surveyor to the Corporation of London, died on September 28 aged 66. He was born in London on June 11, 1927.



AS A chartered surveyor, Dick Luff was widely respected for his competence, courtliness and integrity. In 1975, he was appointed by the City Corporation to the historic and prestigious office of the City Surveyor, where he served with distinction for nine years and was highly regarded in Guildhall for his sound grasp of property business and a sensitive concern for the environment.

During this period he handled many important transactions and developments of City properties, including the sale of the former Billingsgate Market and the establishment of a new market in Docklands.

In 1984 he became Director of Property for British Telecom and, during the important phase of the company's privatisation, instigated a rationalisation of its extensive property portfolio.

Throughout his professional work, in addition to his undoubted skills and propriety, Dick Luff displayed a high level of organisational ability, and earned a reputation for fairness in his negotiation of many complex land transactions, both in the open market and in the minefield of compulsory purchase compensation, on which he was an acknowledged authority.

Richard Luff was educated at Hurstpierpoint College, for which he retained a lifelong affection; he acknowledged that his education for life was continued in the Royal Artillery and his professional education was provided later by the College of Estate Management.

He entered the profession of surveying in 1949 as a trainee in the estates and valuation department of the (then) Middlesex County Council. When Middlesex became part of Greater London, he transferred to the valuer's department of the GLC and rose to become principal assistant valuer.

On his retirement from BT in 1987, his services were much in demand, and he became deputy chairman of the London Regional Transport Property Board and a board member of the Commission for New Towns, to both of which he brought a wealth of talent, experience and sound judgment.

As part of his remit for the commission, he worked assiduously and very effectively as chairman of the local liaison committee for Warrington New Town.

He made his mark, too, as chairman of the judges in the administration of the RICS awards for outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the environment by urban renewal, efficiency in building design and construction, building conservation, and outstanding craftsmanship in conservation work.

In this role he was meticulous but broadminded in appraising entries and brought to his judgments a mature appreciation of excellence in design and workmanship, and of the contribution which enlightened use of land and buildings can make to the quality of life.

He was at once enthused by projects as disparate as the vast improvement of Liverpool Street Station in London and the restoration of the West Doorway of King's College Chapel in Cambridge, both of which won awards last year. He could readily comprehend the sheer scale and complexity of the former, and the brilliance of its concept and execution; while the latter equally gratified his concern for detail and for excellence in craftsmanship.

Over many years, Luff took considerable interest in organisations connected with his profession. He was president of the RICS in 1982-83 and travelled extensively on its behalf in the UK, Europe and the Far East.

He was a founder member in 1977, and Master in 1985, of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors.

He also held office as president of the Association of Local Authority Valuers and Estate Surveyors; honorary vice-president of the Cambridge University Land Society; president, 1987-90, of the Associated Owners of City Properties (now the City Property Association); and a director of the London Housing Standards Company.

He indulged his interest in cricket through membership of both the MCC and the Surrey County Club. He also had a sympathetic and positive interest in numerous charitable bodies, and organised some notable rugby and cricket "spectaculars" as successful fund-raising events. He was a generous host, an amusing raconteur, and an articulate speaker in a wide variety of settings.

His professional involvement in surveying and the environment was complemented by a keen interest in gardening, architecture and all the decorative arts.

His main hobby, however, was the appreciation of early English furniture and antiquarian objects. He was a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the Furniture History Society. His publications included *Furniture in England — the age of the joiner* (with S. W. Wolsey) and about fifty articles on furniture history which were published in *Antique Collector, Connoisseur* and *Country Life*. He was also much in demand as a lecturer.

Through these interests, Dick Luff met his first wife, Betty Chamberlain, whom he married in 1950. She died in 1989 from injuries suffered in a road accident.

In 1990 he married Daphne Andrews, by whom he is survived.

WILFRED PHILLIPS

Wilfred Phillips, Notary Public of the City of London, died on October 1 aged 82. He was born on February 2, 1911.



WILFRED PHILLIPS was a notary public in the City of London for 59 years. He was, until 1987, the senior partner in the firm of Jauralde & Phillips and his practice was a general one with an emphasis on work entailing a knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese.

Educated at Norwich Grammar School, Phillips, at 16, became an articled clerk to the late Nicasio Roberto Jauralde and was admitted as a notary public in 1934.

In the second world war he joined the 24th Lancers. In 1942 he was commissioned into the Derbyshire Yeomanry, Royal Armoured Corps, and served in Algeria and in the Tunisian and Italian campaigns. He attained the rank of captain and was mentioned in dispatches.

Phillips was also active in the Scriveners' Company, the freedom of which is a necessary preliminary to becoming a notary public in London. He became the Master of the Scriveners' Company in July 1950 and continued to be a court assistant until September this year.

Phillips had the wider interests of his profession very much at heart and was for many years the honorary secretary of the Society of Notaries Public of London, where he was involved, among many other matters, with the implementation in this country of The Hague Convention 1961 (concerning the abolition of legalisation for foreign public documents) and his society's report in 1978 to the Royal Commission on Legal Services.

Apart from his professional activities, Phillips was active in the Toc H movement.

He married first, in 1939, Hope Brandreth, who died in 1973: they had two sons. He married secondly in 1974, Beryl Dean, MBE, the pre-eminent authority on ecclesiastical embroidery and cousin to his first wife.

WEMBLEY

EXHIBITION IN RETROSPECT

Today the curtain falls on the great Exhibition; and no-one is likely to dispute the justice of speaking of it as "great". It is no mere matter of the acreage which it covered, of the costliness of its installation or the magnificence of its buildings. Much more truly great has been its significance as a demonstration of the immensity, the variety, and the unity of the Empire.

The impression of its might and majesty which has been created in the minds of visitors from foreign countries has been profound. In millions of the people of Great Britain the revelation of what the Empire stands for cannot have failed to create a quickening of pride and a large patriotism. To the vast majority of the peoples of Europe, it has seemed since the war that practical sanity and orderliness had vanished.

Values, currencies, all the established ways of industry and exchanges seemed broken up and dissolving under a flood of social unrest. Above the floods, the Exhibition has stood, a solid rock of comfort more, a rainbow-promise in the skies of returning sunshine and fair weather. Not everything was in flux when the British Empire could thus coolly set its feet again in the ordered paths of peace and industrial progress. It was right that the British Empire, and no other country, should furnish this object-lesson in the maintenance of sanity. It was no more than tradition demanded of us.

NB . . . Burma with its wood carving and tinkling bells, its mirrors and shrine and well-house, its elephants and dancing girls; the Chinese street in Hong-kong, sharks' fins and jade and absurd dolls and "crunkum-crankums", all the plunder of the gorgeous East on India's heaped stall, with the richness of the exhibits sent by the Ruling Princes; the amazing variety of the West Indian display, spices and jippa-jappa, guava cocktails, flying fish and asphalte, Victoria Regis lilies and strange birds and beasts; British Guiana's mighty Falls, and the desolation of the Falkland Isles; Bermuda's house with its quiet dignity; Malta, and the glamour of its memorials of a great past — its stately old ships, its delicate lace and tobacco and oranges; West Africa with, inside its frowning red walls, the fascinating displays of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone — talking drums and native craftsmen, palm kernels, beautiful fabrics and delightful carved beasts; New Zealand with all its wonderful history told in the range of its exhibits, from moas and kiwis through the Maori carvings to its latest industrial products, its blankets and frozen meats; Palestine and the Temples of Jerusalem, the memorials of the Holy Land, the fruits, embroideries, and metal-work; Cyprus silks and lace and century-old Commanderia wine; Newfoundland, the senior colony with its whaling, seals and cod fisheries, its Labradorite and caribou, its wealth of forests and minerals; Fiji, celebrating its jubilee, with its evidences of recent cannibalism, its tapa and miles of coconut rope; Ceylon and its Kandyan architecture . . .

ON THIS DAY

November 1 1924

Dogged though it was by bad weather throughout its six months, the Wembley Exhibition ended on a staunchly proud note, 17 million visitors having passed through its gates.

NEWS

Search for Ulster peace intensifies

■ The desperate search for a way to end the cycle of violence in Northern Ireland will intensify after the massacre of seven people in a village pub.

John Major and Albert Reynolds both reaffirmed their commitment to their joint quest for a solution, and Mr Major is expected to underline his determination by meeting John Hume, the SDLP leader who has been holding secret talks with the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams..... **Pages 1, 2, 15**

Police question former KGB general

■ Oleg Kalugin, a former KGB general, was questioned by police about the murder of Georgi Markov, the dissident Bulgarian playwright and BBC broadcaster killed in London 15 years ago. He was arrested as he arrived at Heathrow from Moscow, but was later released..... **Page 1**

Crusade in schools

A crusade to rescue standards in urban schools will be demanded by the National Commission on Education this month when it publishes a devastating indictment of the state of British education..... **Pages 1, 7, 15**

Tainted chief

The corruption scandal which has engulfed Italian politics has embraced the Italian financeer and one of the most powerful businessmen in Europe, Carlo de Benedetti ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Italy mourns

Italy was in mourning for Federico Fellini, whose films captured the hedonism and booming prosperity of post-war Italy for the world..... **Pages 10, 15, 17**

Union is born

The European Union comes into existence today with more of a whimper than a bang..... **Page 10**

£25 m des. res

The most expensive house in Britain will be put up for sale in London for £25 million..... **Page 3**

Parks campaign

A fight to save historic inner city parks has been launched by two societies which claim these glories of Victorian design are in terminal decline..... **Page 4**

'Cheaper' by coach

*The coach operator, National Ex*press, has cut fares by up to £12.50 in the most aggressive price war against British Rail in its history ..... **Page 4**

Gangs trapped

Gangs of thieves whose raids were threatening the future of Britain's telephone boxes have been trapped in secret operations involving the police and BT agents..... **Page 5**

Life of the crab

An armada of fishing boats left *the Norfolk port of* Wells-next-the-Sea at the start of a £250,000 survey of the life and times of the North Sea crab..... **Page 7**

Criminal tendency

More than 80 per cent of young people believe that boredom is the reason behind juvenile crime, according to a General Accident survey. Adults questioned backed greater discipline and punishment of juveniles..... **Page 7**

Exiles blamed

Egypt claimed that the campaign of violence to overthrow the pro-Western government of President Mubarak was being masterminded by Islamic militants now in exile or hiding in various parts of Europe..... **Page 9**

Jewish 'intifada'

Angry Israeli vigilantes went on the rampage in Arab areas for a third day, after settlers buried a murdered resident. They vowed to launch a "Jewish intifada [uprising]"..... **Page 9**

India furious

India has reacted furiously to an apparent hardening of United States policy on Kashmir after a senior US official described it as "disputed territory"..... **Page 11**

All label and a soupçon of meat

■ There is so little chicken in some chicken soups that the amount of flavourings and salt often exceed meat, a Food Commission survey found. Some contained no meat at all while others had so little that 130 cups would provide only one ounce of meat. Packet soups made for Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsbury, Safeway, Gateway, Knor, Crosse & Blackwell, Boots, and Bachelors all contained more salt than chicken ..... **Page 7**

MICHAEL POWELL



Suzy Gimson, 19, comes face-to-face with a life-size bronze of herself at a West End gallery in London hosting an exhibition of Judith Holmes Drewry's works. The Leicestershire-based artist has even sculpted a family of four, from baby in a pram to a teenage cricketer

SPORT

Football: Diego Maradona, on his return to international football, set up Argentina's goal but his team was held to a 1-1 draw by Australia in their World Cup qualifying match in Sydney..... **Page 19**

Rugby League: Great Britain won their series with New Zealand when they completed their second overwhelming victory, 29-12, at Wigan..... **Page 21**

Basketball: The National Basketball Association's inaugural exhibition — featuring the world's most highly paid athlete, Shaquille O'Neal — formed less of a sporting occasion, more a combination of a circus act and children's theatre, Stuart Jones argues..... **Page 26**

BUSINESS

Budget fears: Leading City firms fear that the Chancellor will take further action in this month's Budget to reduce the tax privileges of pension funds..... **Page 36**

New gas regulator: Clare Spottiswoode, who succeeds the abrasive Sir James McKinnon as head of the Office of Gas Regulation, will put even more emphasis on bringing competition to the industry..... **Pages 36 and 33**

Interest rates: Anxieties over one measure of money supply, likely to show the highest growth for three years tomorrow, are thought to have influenced the Bank of England's new caution over interest rates..... **Page 36**

FEATURES

Ingenious murders: Strange cases, fictional and fact, still exert a fascination. H. R. F. Keating on some fiendish murder plots..... **Page 12**

Beyond sweaters: Not for a long time has knitwear played such a key role in fashion. Iain R. Webb on shapely silhouettes..... **Page 13**

Book magic: A public library is the ideal place to bone up on abstruse subjects. Libby Purves backs National Library Week..... **Page 12**

EDUCATION

School standards: Urban pupils face grim expectations but a partnership with business is helping to give essential guidance..... **Page 31**

ARTS

Toad Hall revisited: Toad, Badger and Water Rat are being brought back to life in a new sequel to Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows. Once again, Toad is* on the run: this time after hijacking a flying machine..... **Page 27**

Romance is back: Stendhal's Napoleonic romance, *Scarlet and Black*, has been adapted for television in a lavish BBC1 production. And, says Lynne Truss, it is wonderful to have the classic serial back on our screens..... **Page 27**

Side-splitting: Benedict Nightingale hasn't laughed so much in a theatre all year: David Epstein's comedy *Exact Change* comes to the Lyric, Hammersmith..... **Page 28**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Richard Nerurkar, of Britain, won the men's World Cup marathon title in San Sebastien. He has now won both his marathon races
Page 19



Barbara Mills, QC, the director of public prosecutions, went on the offensive after some barristers accused the CPS of incompetence
Page 3



David Dinkins, 66, New York's first black mayor, is facing a stiff Republican challenge in the mainly Democratic city's mayoral polls tomorrow
Page 11

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Peace in store

■ The expensive war between Tiny Rowland and the Fayed brothers is over. Bernard Levin wonders whether Mr Rowland regrets not the money wasted but the sheer absurdity of his idée fixe

Judge on television

■ The Lord Chief Justice's appearance on BBC1's *Question Time* could mark a new openness in the judiciary, says Louis Blom-Cooper

Together is better

■ From Frank Sinatra to Elton John, everyone is *doing it. Alan Jackson looks at the fashion for duets* among today's grown-up pop stars

TV LISTINGS

In 1983 Jeff Perks made a memorable documentary about a bunch of East End lads selling dodgy goods in leafy suburban Kent. Ten years on Perks catches up on the "knockers". *Cutting Edge: Whatever Happened to the Knockers?* (Channel 4, 9pm) says much about the successes and failures of working-class Britons during the heyday of the enterprise society..... **Page 35**

OPINION

Keeping peace alive

Arab unity, once the elusive goal in the confrontation with Israel, must be forged in pursuit of peace. That is now also Israel's view..... **Page 15**

Educational enterprise

The government must also acknowledge that some areas need special attention and that the problem of urban schooling cannot safely be shelved. The nation's schools need the educational equivalent of enterprise zones..... **Page 15**

Dolce Vita

Fellini blazed a trail that others quickly followed, not always with happy results..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

How does an intelligent and honest man come to be involved in a business disaster?..... **Page 14**

PETER RIDDELL

The real weakness of the Major government is not its tactics but its failure to present a coherent long-term strategy..... **Page 14**

MATTHEW PARRIS

I have always wanted to go to the Moon, or, better still, Mars. I do not quite regard this as an impossible ambition..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

The health secretary claims all is well with NHS reforms..... **Page 15**

THE PAPERS

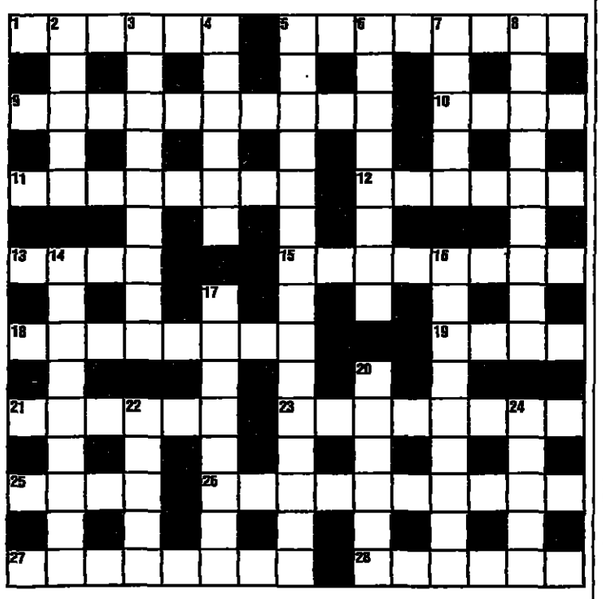
Given the indifference of [New York's] mayoral candidates to a clear public demand, the city council should now amend the campaign finance law to require debates in exchange for receiving public funds. It seems only fair

— The New York Times

The West does the [Bosnian] parties no favour by mounting a new exercise in futility. Suppose they were left to their own devices. Could the result serve them less well than another round of vapid international diplomacy?

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,376



ACROSS

1 Torment an animal (6).
5 A stirring piece of music (8).
9 Speculator coming to the city with some hesitation (10).
10 Partners have opponents stitched up (4).
11 Wound line on to fish (5-3).
12 Attack on a Rodin bust (6).
13 Silver god found in India (4).
15 Insulted an insignificant journalist (8).
18 Cynical to get away, say, during a kind of boom (8).
19 The head's out of his mind (4).
21 Archbishop in the lawyers' place(6).
23 No rating could be so unenlightened . . . (8).
25 . . . as to make the boat deviate to port (4).
26 "And his ——— may defeat my life" (*Othello*) (10).
27 Frame the traitor (8).
28 One mule's possibly had it for breakfast (6).

DOWN

2 University is cutting entrance examination (5).
3 Undeveloped territory in the island (9).
4 Spinning club (6).
5 Crikey! Sam Carter can be so happy? (5,2,1,7).
6 Tobacco girl (8).
7 Semi-serious part as Harpagon (5).
8 Intelligence overlook spy who sells papers (9).
14 Holidaying finally on a mule at a resort in Central America (9).
16 Obstacle encountered when rustic hurried to church (9).
17 One Name certain about City being dodgy (8).
20 A refusal by Falstaff's crony to take a false name? (6).
22 It beats having beans, for instance (5).
24 Originally not allowing such awful language in this passage (5).

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,375 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code.

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Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
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London & SE traffic, roadworks

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
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M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
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National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
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East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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WEATHER

All regions will have a mostly cloudy day though some bright and sunny intervals could develop over sheltered western parts and perhaps some southern areas in the afternoon. With the exception of some coastal parts of northeast England and East Anglia, where there might be patchy light drizzle, and over the extreme southwest later, all areas will be dry. Outlook: outbreaks of showery rain spreading from the southwest across all regions.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	f	Madrid	11	52	d
Akrotiri	22	72	r	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Malaga	19	66	f
Algiers	26	79	f	Malta	21	70	f
Amst'dm	3	37	c	Melb'rne	15	59	s
Athens	17	63	f	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	30	86	f	Milan	11	52	c
Bangkok	29	84	s	Montreal*	7	45	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	-2	28	sn
Barcelona	19	66	f	Munich	4	39	c
Beirut	27	81	f	Nairobi	21	70	s
Belgrade	12	54	s	Naples	21	70	s
Berlin	8	46	c	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda*	27	81	s	N York*	8	46	r
Biarritz	16	61	f	Nice	13	55	r
Bordx	18	64	f	Oslo	-1	30	fg
Brussels	3	37	c	Paris	5	41	c
Budapst	9	48	s	Peking	14	57	s
B Aires*	23	73	f	Perth	18	64	c
Cairo	27	81	f	Prague	5	41	f
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Reykjavik	9	48	c
Chicago*	2	36	sn	Rhodes	23	73	s
Ch'church	11	52	d	Rio de J	35	95	f
Cologne	5	41	c	Riyadh	33	91	f
C'phagn	5	41	c	Rome	22	72	s
Corfu	19	66	s	Salzburg	6	43	s
Dublin	9	48	c	S F'risco*	21	70	s
Dubrownik	21	70	s	Santiago*	19	66	f
Faro	17	63	r	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Florence	16	61	c	Seoul	7	45	c
Frankfurt	4	39	c	Sing'por	30	86	t
Funchal	22	72	f	St'kholm	5	41	s
Geneva	6	43	c	Strasb'rg	5	41	c
Gibraltar	17	63	c	Sydney	20	68	f
Helsinki	5	41	s	Tangier	23	73	f
Hong K	22	72	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Innsbrck	13	56	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Istanbul	15	59	f	Tokyo	21	70	s
Jedduh	34	93	s	Toronto*	6	43	f
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Tunis	24	76	f
Karachi	37	99	s	Valencia	16	61	c
L Palmas	26	79	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	c
Le Touet	5	41	f	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	16	61	r	Vienna	5	41	c
Locarno	10	50	c	Warsaw	8	46	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	11	52	r
Luxembg	3	37	c	Wel'ngton	16	61	c
Luxor	34	93	f	Zurich	5	41	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F), min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,022.1 millibars, falling
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Stornaway, Outer Hebrides, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Tynemouth, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Tenby, Dyfed, 6.4hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Anglesey	1.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Belfast	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
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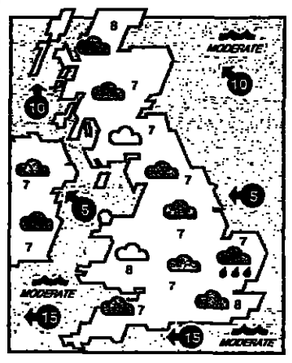
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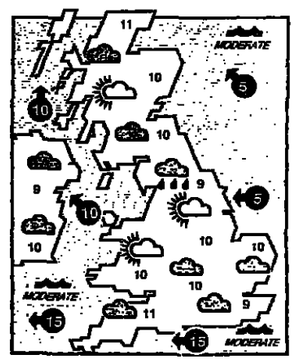
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Canada $	2.085	1.925
Cyprus Cypt	0.78	0.73
Denmark Kr	10.63	9.83
Finland Mrk	9.17	8.37
France Fr	9.19	8.49
Germany Dm	2.6375	2.4275
Greece Dr	370.50	345.50
Hong Kong $	12.16	11.16
Ireland Pt	1.1025	1.0225
Italy Lira	2519	2364
Japan Yen	179.00	159.50
Malta Mtc	0.605	0.550
Netherlands Gld	2.9575	2.7275
Norway Kr	11.44	10.64
Portugal Esc	267.50	249.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	206.50	192.50
Sweden Kr	12.63	11.83
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	20200	19200
USA $	1.5875	1.4575

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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.04 pm to 6.24 am
Bristol 5.14 pm to 6.34 am
Edinburgh 5.03 pm to 6.50 am
Manchester 5.06 pm to 6.38 am
Penzance 5.39 pm to 6.42 am

Sun rises: 6.54 am
Sun sets: 4.34 pm
Moon rises: 5.30 pm
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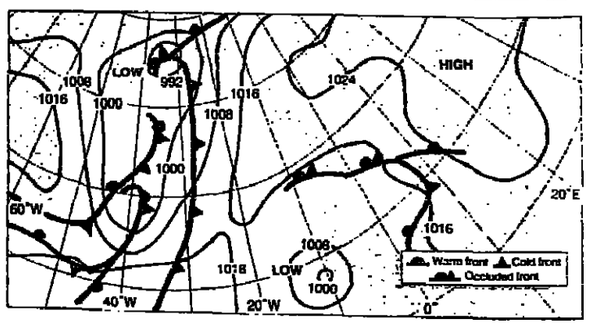
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B'rmgham	9	48	c	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	6	43	c
Bristol	8	46	c	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	9	48	c	M'nchster	9	48	c
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	8	46	c	R'nldsway	9	49	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
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Avonmouth	7.52	12.7	8.11	12.6	Margate	12.31	4.7	12.43	4.7
Belfast	11.43	3.5	11.56	3.3	Milford Haven	6.53	6.7	7.12	6.7
Cardiff	7.37	11.8	7.56	11.6	Newquay	5.43	6.8	6.02	6.7
Devonport	6.28	5.4	6.45	5.3	Oban	6.15	3.9	6.38	3.9
Dover	11.36	6.5	11.54	6.4	Penzance	5.25	5.5	5.43	5.4
Falmouth	5.58	5.2	6.15	5.1	Portland	7.15	2.1	7.37	1.9
Glasgow	1.38	4.5	1.46	4.8	Portsmouth	—	—	Noon	4.6
Harwich	12.24	4.0	12.36	4.0	Shoreham	11.50	5.9	—	—
Holyhead	10.59	5.4	11.18	5.4	Southampton	11.35	4.5	11.54	4.4
Hull	6.59	7.2	7.14	7.2	Swansea	7.03	9.2	7.19	9.1
Ilfracombe	6.34	9.0	6.53	8.9	Teec	4.09	5.2	4.28	5.2
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NOON TODAY



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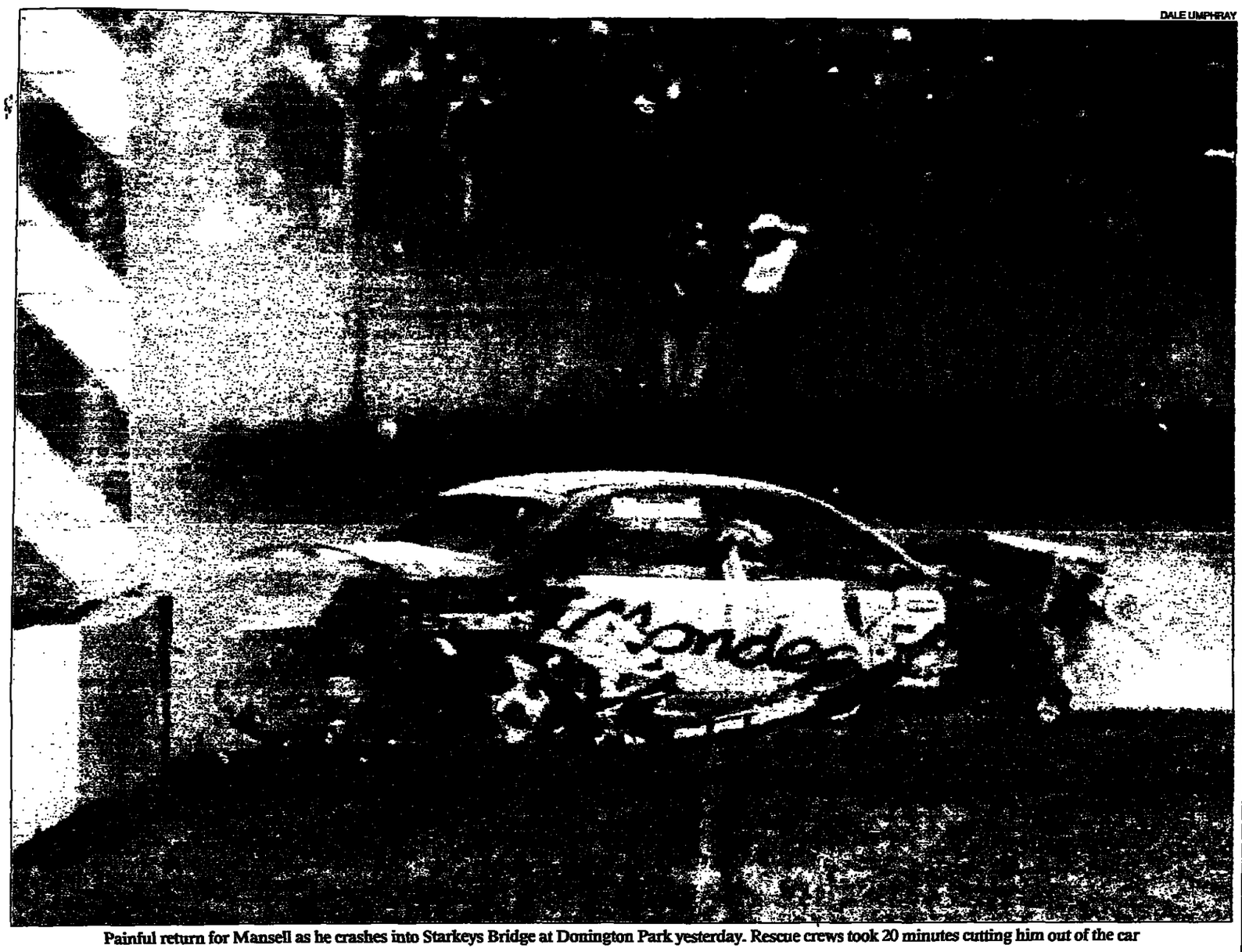
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IndyCar champion sustains head and back injuries

Crash ruins Mansell's return

DALE UMPHRAY



Painful return for Mansell as he crashes into Starkeys Bridge at Donington Park yesterday. Rescue crews took 20 minutes cutting him out of the car

BY STEPHEN SLATER

IT WAS hardly the homecoming that Nigel Mansell or his legions of supporters wanted. Mansell's first appearance on a British motor racing circuit for 15 months drew 60,000 to Donington Park yesterday but a typically aggressive drive in the TOCA Shoot-Out touring car race ended with a 100mph crash and the IndyCar champion being detained overnight in a Nottingham neuro-surgical unit.

Mansell, who had passed up the chance to drive in the last two grands prix of the season in favour of taking part in an unfamiliar class on home soil, was rendered briefly unconscious after losing control of his Ford Mondeo and crashing into a bridge support at the Leicestershire circuit.

After rescue crews had taken 20 minutes to cut him out of the car he was eventually taken to the Queen's Medical Centre, accompanied by his wife, Roseanne, for observation on head injuries and back pains. He had been due to return to the United States.

The last time Mansell had raced at home was at Silverstone in 1992, where he won the British grand prix on his way to the world championship. Mansell-mania greeted his victory then and when the 40-year-old Englishman began to forge his way through the 18-car field towards the end of the race yesterday, his supporters cheered wildly again. Despite not having driven a two-litre touring car before and admitting to finding the transition from high-powered single-seater difficult, he set the fastest lap of the race at an average speed of 94.3mph, muscling his way into third place. He had started from thirteenth place on the grid.

With five of the 32 laps remaining disaster struck Mansell at the exit of the 120mph Old Hairpin corner. In his pursuit of the eventual race winner, David Leslie, and Paul Radisich, Mansell's Mondeo ran wide and its left rear wheel rode on to the slippery painted kerbing at the edge of the track.

Mansell fought to regain control as the car fishtailed three times across the full width of the track, while behind him Steve Soper and Tiff Needell took avoiding action. But the task proved beyond even Mansell's skills and the Ford clipped the nose of Needell's Vauxhall Cavalier before spinning driver's side on into a wall surrounding the parapet of Starkey's Bridge amid a cloud of smoke.

"He just missed Soper and caught the front of my car," Needell said. "He was on full opposite lock and was still fighting for control even on the grass."

Mansell was rendered briefly unconscious in the impact and sat motionless as marshals first covered the wrecked car in fire-resistant foam, then stopped the race to allow him to be released. The circuit lapsed into silence for over 20 minutes as rescue crews carefully cut the side out of the car, removing Mansell still strapped in his seat for treatment first at the track's medical centre, before being transferred to Queen's. He briefly slumped into unconciousness on the way to hospital, but X-rays revealed he also had a bruised hip but was in no danger.

Lyn Jarrett, the consultant surgeon for Accident and Emergency at Queen's, supervised the rescue in his volunteer role as the chief medical officer at the Leicestershire circuit. "Mansell has sustained a head injury following the impact and he lost consciousness for a few seconds," he said. "When he regained consciousness he didn't know quite where he was and it took him several minutes to even realise he had been in a motor race.

"After returning to the medical centre he had regained consciousness enough for us to be reasonably happy he hadn't sustained a serious head injury. But he started to complain of pain in his back, where he had had an operation previously. On examination it is very tender in the area of the scar."

Mansell was reportedly more worried for his fellow drivers. "When he came to, he was slightly confused, but within ten minutes you could see him improving," Jarrett said. "He was just concerned if any other drivers were involved."

The recurrence of his back and neck injuries dates back to the start of his career. He broke his neck in a Formula Ford accident at Brands Hatch in 1977, injured his back in a Formula Three crash at Oulton Park in 1979, and was forced to miss the end of the 1987 season and a chance of the Formula One world championship after sustaining a similar injury during qualifying for the Japanese grand prix. He again injured his back when crashing into a wall at 180mph during qualifying at the Phoenix oval in April this year.

The race was restarted almost an hour later, but the majority of the crowd, which was bigger than those for the two Formula One grands prix run in Britain this year, paid only passing interest in a frantic six-lap dash which saw Leslie's Ecurie Ecosse take the chequered flag and the £12,000 first prize.

RESULTS: 1, D Leslie (Vauxhall Cavalier), 7min 30.93sec (93.75mph); 2, P Radisich (Ford Mondeo), 7.32.68; 3, S Soper (BMW 318i), 7.36.57; 4, R Gravett (Peugeot 405), 7.41.49; 5, D Coyne (Peugeot 405), 7.41.93; 6, T Needell (Vauxhall Cavalier), 7.43.83.

Maradona puts Argentina back on course

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A RARE moment of creativity from Diego Maradona in the Sydney Football Stadium yesterday was sufficient to direct Argentina back on course for qualification for the World Cup finals. A 1-1 draw with Australia, setting up the second leg of their play-off in Buenos Aires on November 17, was a just result, but equality between Argentina, finalists in the last two World Cups, and the Socceroos symbolises the uncertainty with which Argentina has suddenly had to rebuild its team.

Maradona, that one supreme moment apart, touched neither the extremes of the good nor bad of his past. He may have shed two stones for this return to international football, he may have worn the captain's armband in his 82nd international but he was like a leaf in autumn. Still there, but the colour fading before the fall.

He had been the biggest draw, the richest earner in the game, and his return out of retirement enforced after drug convictions came as contrast to the return to Australia of the Aston Villa goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich, at 21 and with a mere seven caps, returning to his homeland after a brief and petulant "retirement".

But it takes only a moment, only a fleeting reminder of Maradona to achieve a result. For 37 minutes, Maradona and his team, showing seven changes after its humbling 5-0 defeat at home to Colombia, were harassed and rushed out of contention by the eager vigour of the Australians.

But then Maradona, for the only time, ran and confused the defence. His marker, the English-born Paul Wade, was lost in the slipstream, and then Maradona lured the Australian sweeper, Ivanovic, towards the corner flag. Argentina's 33-year-old captain bewitched the former Red Star Belgrade defender, and with a beautifully weighted cross with his left foot offered Abel Balbo, a regular goalscorer in Italy for Udinese, the chance to score with a powerful header.

Bosnich had no chance, and no other authentic duty to perform after his 12,000-mile flight. But Australia, especially with a capacity 43,000 crowd, are ultra competitive. They also had in their 22-year-old playmaker, Ned Zelic, the one Australian capable of matching Latin technique. Zelic plotted the equaliser with an exceptional pass behind MacAllister, one of three Argentine debutants. The Vidmar brothers then executed the finish, the right back, Tony, providing the cross and the elusive forward, Aurelio, poaching the goal. That was Australia's just desert. They, with more than half their team now experienced performers in Europe, more than matched Argentina for work ethic, and for team discipline.

Ruud Gullit yesterday struck a memorable winner for Sampdoria, who ended AC Milan's record of two years at the top of the Italian league that lasted for 73 matches. Sampdoria fought back from 2-0 down to prevail 3-2. Gullitt's 78th-minute strike also ruined Milan's 2½-year unbeaten away record. David Platt also led Sampdoria.

The lights went out at half-time, and after a prolonged stoppage they never came on again for Maradona. His one show of passion came in injury-time when, rather fatuously, he protested against the decision of a corner to Australia, and was booked. Before then he had long drifted into midfield, orchestrating to some extent Argentina's holding game, by no means embarrassed in the art of simple, possessive passing, but a tired, worn athlete.

The future of Argentina will, sooner rather than later, be built around a new inspiration.

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Planning application brings Nerurkar title

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN SAN SEBASTIÁN

AN OPERATION planned so meticulously that it left no more room for error than one of Ma Junren's recipes for a Chinese world record brought Richard Nerurkar, of Britain, the men's World Cup marathon title here yesterday. Inevitably, but shaded by Nerurkar for the run of the day, Wang Junxia won the women's race.

Wang is coach Ma's star turn and her victory brought to a conclusion a three-month season which has been memorable as much for the range of her running as the speed of it: world 10,000 metres title in August, world 3,000 and 10,000 metres records in September, World Cup marathon gold medal in October. There was no world best for Wang yesterday, just the honour of leading China to another medal sweep. First, second and third: team champions as well.

Wang's time, 2hr 28min 16sec, was more than seven minutes outside the world best which Ingrid Kristiansen set in London in 1985. As interest in Wang's run waned, when the early pace indicated that she would not be close to Kristiansen's mark, so it grew in the men's race, which was being run simultaneously. Wang we knew would win: the men's contest was harder to call, with two good Spaniards, two resilient Italians, and a pack of Ethopians, as well as Nerurkar.

But the Bingley Harrier bounced along, always seeming more comfortable than those around him. Others would waste energy — a turn of the head, a sideways stare, a run off line — while Nerurkar remained smooth and efficient. He kept his head up and still, and fixed his stare down the road.

"It is a fuel economy run, all the jarring is soaked up by the front suspension." Bruce Tulloh, Nerurkar's coach said. "He has a natural running style and it certainly helps."

Nerurkar made his break shortly before 24 miles, accelerating on an incline and drawing away to win by nine seconds in 2hr 10min 03sec, from Severino Bernardini, of Italy. It had always been in Nerurkar's mind that this would be the place to dig deep. Nerurkar had been in San Sebastián in September to study the course. This was but one part of the detailed preparation which Nerurkar and Tulloh underwent.

In Marlborough, where they live, Nerurkar would develop his feeding technique by snatching his bottle from a garden table which Tulloh would transport by car along the training route. Tulloh parks, out comes the table and bottle; Nerurkar arrives, snatches, drinks; Tulloh clears up and moves on to set up his next practice feeding station. "Running the marathon involves not only doing the right training but the right rehearsing," Nerurkar said.

Come the morning of the race yesterday, Tulloh appeared at three feeding stations to move Nerurkar's drink closer to the front of each table. It meant that his athlete could run by the station without bending to reach his drink.

Time spent at altitude was another aspect of the planning and, even after the race had been won, the thinking did not stop. As Nerurkar waited for his press conference, he jogged in a nearby corridor. He was thinking of his recovery, doing what he could to regenerate his legs.



Nerurkar: perfectionist

The only flaw in the operation was that nobody had thought to give Iris Nerurkar, the champion's mother, a pass for the stadium. When the hard work of supporting out on the course was done, she made for the stadium. Nerurkar entered but mum was blocked by security guards.

Aged 29, Nerurkar has won both his marathons. In his first, in Hamburg in May, he recorded 2hr 10min 57sec. He finished strongly, his second half faster than his first. Now he went through the half in 1hr 04min 52sec, remained strong until the 25th mile, but then dropped the pace. There is something to work on there, but, as Nerurkar said, he is still undergoing his marathon education. His move up from 10,000 metres has been successful, though he has not yet reached the world's best. These were the middleweights he was up against yesterday, after defeating the flyweights in Hamburg.

Wang said yesterday that she could not comprehend why some had accused her of being on drugs. She will be even less pleased today when an International Amateur Athletic Federation award for the woman world athlete of the year is announced and presented to Sally Gunnell, Britain's 400 metres hurdles world champion and record-holder.

RESULTS: Men: 1, R Nerurkar (GB), 2hr 10min 03sec; 2, S Bernardini (It), 2:10:12; 3, K Gemechu (Eth), 2:10:16; 4, B Tadesse (Eth), 2:10:27; 5, R Gavela (Sp), 2:10:27; 6, T Turbo (Eth), 2:10:31. Other British positions: 11, D Buzza, 2:11:06; 16, A Green, 2:12:57; 24, P Fleming, 2:13:33; 59, M McLoughlin, 2:21:25. Teams: 1, Ethiopia, 6:31:17; 2, Italy, 6:32:41; 3, Great Britain, 6:34:06. Women: 1, Wang Junxia (China), 2:28:16; 2, Zheng Lnli (China), 2:29:42; 3, Zheng Urong (China), 2:29:45; 4, Ma Lyan (China), 2:30:44; 5, M Gonzalez Munoz (Sp), 2:31:01; 6, M Pont Chafer (Sp), 2:31:21. British positions: 10, L Harding, 2:35:04; 38, A Hulley, 2:43:36; 44, G Horowitz, 2:47:14; 48, K Cornwell, 2:54:34. Teams: 1, China, 7:27.43; 2, Spain, 7:33:55; 3, Russia, 7:44:07; 8, Great Britain, 7:56:15.

"I don't mind listening to my best friend's problems. Provided they pour me a decent hearing aid."

MONTCOMERY LASSAL,
PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR, CALIFORNIA.



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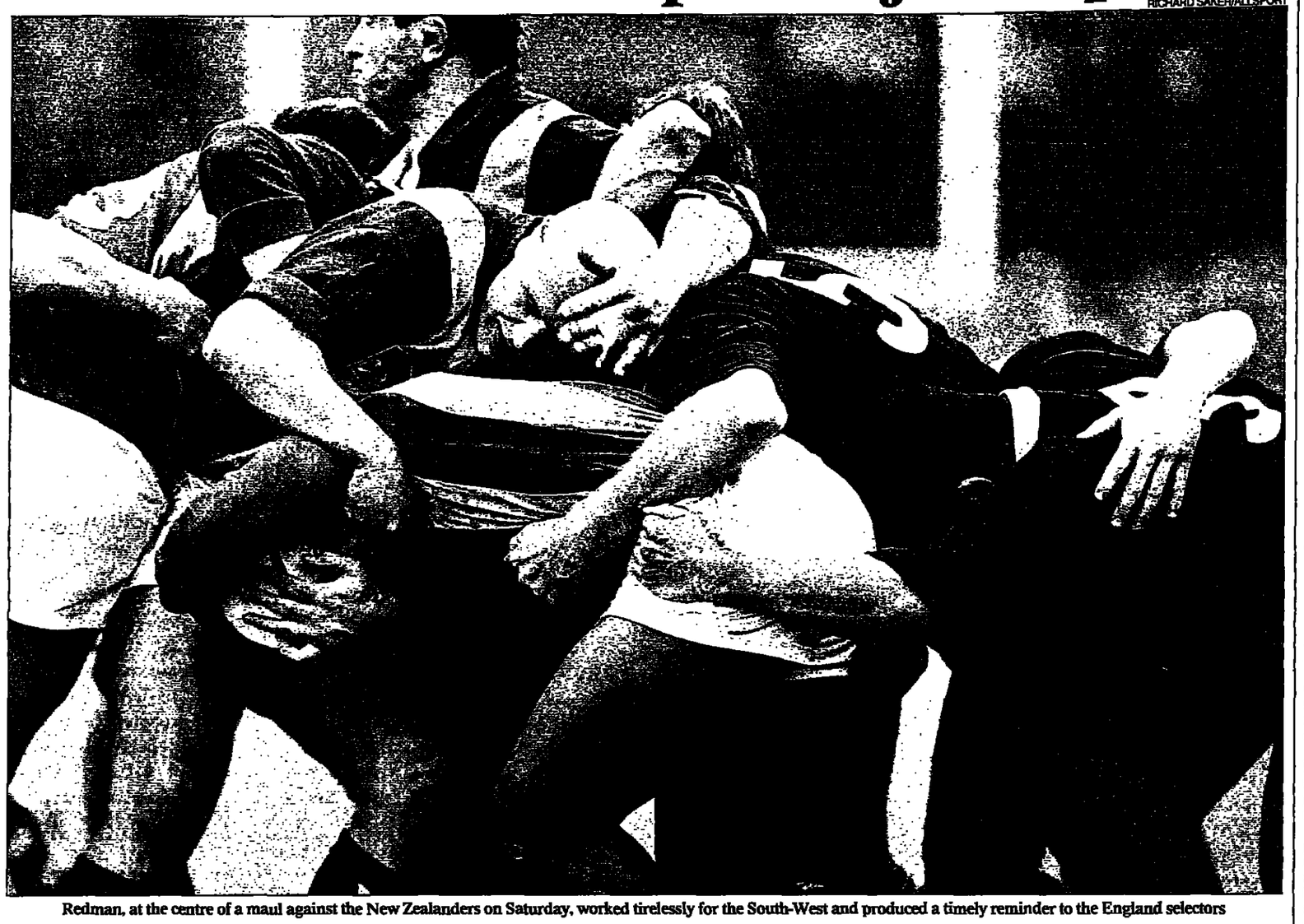
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SINGLE CASK MATURED BRANDY.

England feel strain as South-West's defeat by All Blacks brings management more worries

Redman makes case to repair injured pride

RICHARD SAKER/ALLSPORT



Redman, at the centre of a maul against the New Zealanders on Saturday, worked tirelessly for the South-West and produced a timely reminder to the England selectors

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By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THE first eight days of the New Zealand team's tour have made a significant impact on English rugby union, literally and metaphorically. From the crisp and crackling beginning against London, to the bruising encounters with the Midlands and, on Saturday, at a packed Redruth, the South and South-West, they have broken preconceptions and playing dreams.

The England selectors, in particular, are no nearer filling the obvious vacancies in either the A team on Sunday or the senior side, which will play the All Blacks on November 27, as a result of watching the three strongest divisional teams fall to the touring side. Indeed, three prime candidates from the South-West will not play again for three weeks, possibly more, while one old hand stated the strongest possible case for selection despite his perceived physical deficiencies.

It is nine years since a young Nigel Redman sprang to prominence and won his first cap. He has gathered in a dozen more since but, at 6ft 4in, he is seen as too small in a land of second-row giants. Yet at Redruth he gave as good an example of front jumping as any player is likely to offer against the New Zealanders, *he worked like a Trojan* around the sloping pitch and, given the limited options England have at lock in the assumed absence of Martin Bayfield, it is doubly hard to close the door on him.

At the same time the aspirations of Andy Blackmore and Jonathan Callard came tumbling down. Blackmore, amid the sundry obstructions which passed for the lineout, could not impose himself and left the field severely concussed and thus out of the game for the mandatory three weeks. Philip de Glanville, requiring 15 stitches round the eye and nose, is likely to be out for a similar period and Andy Robinson's groin strain will take time to mend — all of which will have a considerable effect on Bath when their league programme resumes.

Callard, who came into the *game on Saturday as heir* apparent to Jonathan Webb as England full back, failed to make a definitive case. Conducting himself with admirable dignity afterwards Callard admitted he may have tried *too hard but his game*, even when not under pressure, came apart. He kicked four of his eight penalty attempts but it was the ones he missed, none from great range, which were crucial to his team's defeat by a goal and four penalty goals to four penalty goals and a dropped goal.

As if to rub salt in his wounds, Matthew Cooper kicked five goals from five attempts for the All Blacks, as well as indicating that if Lee Stensness cannot play in the *midfield, then he can to con*siderable effect. Though his defence held up, Callard's kicking from hand was awry too, which left the Downside schoolmaster hoping to be judged on his displays over the *season rather than this one* game.

The All Blacks did not get away scot-free. Jamie Joseph, increasingly significant as a lineout forward, has damaged rib cartilage and will miss the next two matches, but they have come through possibly the most awkward phase of their tour with three victories. "We have struck very competitive sides who make it difficult for us to get our normal game working," Laurie Mains, the coach, said. "Our inability to *string phase play together was* one shortcoming and we didn't support our ball carriers well enough."

An adverse penalty count of 18-8 confused the tour management but the South-West *could turn that to no advan*tage. Their plan had been to develop a broader game than the one that transpired before a passionate crowd but de Glanville's departure in the first quarter scuppered that because it left them with no significant decision-makers behind the scrum.

They dropped into a game, therefore, which would have been far better suited to the talents of Ojomoh, who only reached the pitch when Robinson departed. That was only *ever going to take them half*way towards victory when the All Blacks came to dominate territorially in the second half, leaving Redruth's famed Hellfire Corner a virtual pastoral retreat for all the use that *was made of the slope.*

On their two second-half incursions to the New Zealand 22 the South-West kicked penalty goals, otherwise they were penned in their own half, manfully defending against Preston, his back row and the charging, punishing presence that is Tuigamala. Auckland dropped Tuigamala for the final weeks of their season and how the English divisions are paying for that indignity.

His lurking presence accounted for the game's only *try, when Clarke detached* from a scrum to look after Tuigamala which left Pene driving forward, his wing at his elbow, and then Henderson free to feed Joseph for a well-worked score and a lead, *after trailing 9-6 at the inter*val, which was not to be conceded. Once again the refrain rose from frustrated opponents: "The All Blacks are beatable ..." Yes, but saying it and doing it are very different.

SCORERS: South and South-West: Penalty goals: Callard (4). Dropped goal: Hull. New Zealanders: Try: Joseph. Conversion: Cooper. Penalty goals: Cooper (4).

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST (Bath unless stated): J Callard; A Lumsden, P de Glanville, N Beal (Northampton), P Hull (Bristol); M Catt, K Bracken (Bristol); C Clark (Oxford University/Bath), G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall (captain), N Redman, A Blackmore (Bristol), A Robinson, B Clarke. De Glanville replaced by P Holford (Gloucester, 16min), Robinson replaced by S Ojomoh (67), Blackmore replaced by D Sims (Gloucester, 83).

NEW ZEALAND XV: J Timu (Otago), J Wilson (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), M Cooper (Waikato), V Tuigamala (Auckland), S Bachop (Otago), J Preston (Wellington), C Dowd (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O Brown (Auckland), J Joseph (Otago), I Jones (Northland), S Gordon (Waikato), P Henderson (Southland), A Pene (Otago). Joseph replaced by Z Brooke (Auckland, 78).
Referee: C Thomas (Wales).

☐ Ian Jones, after playing the first three games, is rested for *the New Zealanders' meeting* with the Northern Division at Anfield tomorrow. Blair Larsen, the lock brought in until Robin Brooke recovers fitness (a decision will be made at the end of this week whether he can stay with the party) makes his tour debut and Jeff Wilson, the young wing, gets another opportunity.

NEW ZEALAND XV: S Howarth; J Wilson, E Clarke, M Berry, E Rush; M Ellis, S Forster; M Allen, N Hewitt, G Purvis, L Brooke (captain), B Larsen, R Fromont, L Barry, J Mitchell. Replacements: J Timu, S Bachop, J Preston, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, I Jones.

Australia fail to handle new French resistance

France 16
Australia 13

From Peter Bills
in Bordeaux

IF AUSTRALIA'S defeat here on Saturday was a reminder of the saying about missing chances at your peril, it also revealed the *esprit de corps* — an almost Anglo-Saxon obstinacy to prevail whatever the circumstances — in Pierre Berbizier's new French side.

Australian carelessness was the cause of their defeat in the first of two international matches, but the doggedness of the French, amid considerable adversity, was revealing.

While it would be impossible to deny the assertion that Australia lost the match rather than France won it, the new approach of the French was a key factor. The world champions, having scorned four good try-scoring opportunities, established a period of second-half pressure sufficient to have broken most French sides.

Australia, perfectly properly, *lamented missed opportu*nities. Horan reached the French line after 11 minutes only to be caught and, according to the trailing touch judge, forced into touch in goal. But other good chances arose.

Australia, so intelligent behind the scrum, did every*thing except hold the final* pass and France could do little about it.

The French scrummage was powerful, the Australian front row conceding it had received a stern test. And when Australia lost Tabua at half-time with a broken arm, their power around the fringes was diminished. He will miss the rest of *the tour and, with Anthony* Dempsey having already flown home, the Australians have problems on the flank.

After the game, it was revealed that Tabua, a key figure since replacing Willie Ofahengaue, had played on for half-an-hour with the injury. "I didn't think it was broken at first," he said. "It got wrenched after a tackle after about ten minutes and, when I went off at half-time, I thought it was just bruised. But I hope to be up and running when *they take the plaster off in four* weeks' time."

Penaud's early dropped goal was merely an interlude amid Australian supremacy. Campese cleverly created a try for Gavin, Lynagh converting and adding a penalty goal. At 3-10, France were struggling, but Hueber's try from the back of a scrum restored their morale. Sadourny's dropped goal made it 13-10 at half-time and the game then perceptibly tightened. But Lacroix, who had converted Hueber's try *from the touchline, won the* game after Lynagh's penalty goal had made it 13-13. The Dax player confidently kicked a soaring 56-yard penalty goal for the winning points.

Berbizier confessed that France must improve their lineout immeasurably for second match, in Paris on Saturday. To that end, he had his *men out on a training run at* nine o'clock yesterday morning. How the French have changed.

SCORERS: France: Try: Hueber Conversion: Lacroix. Penalty goal: Lacroix. *Dropped goals: Penaud, Sadourny.* Australia: Try: Gavin Conversion: Lynagh. Penalty goals: Lynagh (2)
FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers), P Bernat-Salles (Pau), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand); A Penaud (Brive), A Hueber (Toulon), L Armary (Lourdes), J-M *Gonzales (Bayonne), L Seigne (Mengnac),* P Benetton (Agen), O Merle (Grenoble), O Roumat (Dax, captain), A Benazzi (Agen), M Cecillon (Bourgoin).
AUSTRALIA: M Burke (Eastwood); D Campese (Randwick), J Little (Souths), T Horan (Souths), A Murdoch (Gordon), M Lynagh (University, captain), P Slattery (University), T Daly (Randwick), P Kearns (Randwick), E McKenzie (Randwick), I Tabua (Brothers), R McCall (Brothers), G Morgan (Souths), D Wilson (Easts), T Gavin (Eastern Suburbs). Tabua replaced by M Brial (Easts, 40min)
Referee: D Bishop (New Zealand)

Transfer rules must be revised

Aberavon 12
Bridgend 12

By Gerald Davies

THE respective woes of both these clubs were comprehensively illustrated in the programme notes,characterising a problem that the Welsh *Rugby Union must, sooner or* later, attend. Both of them suffer the peripatetic whims of players who, for whatever suspicious reason, keep on leaving them to join other clubs.

The notes also pointed out that each of these clubs has benefited from the other; one day they gain a player, then *lose one the next. On this* merry-go-round 11 players, one way or another, have moved recently. Because of this the WRU register of transferred players is fast becoming a volume of generous and weighty proportions. They should urgently attempt to reverse this haphazard state of affairs.

The permit and transfer regulations allow players to move once during the season except that they may transfer back from their new club to their original parent club. Once the transfer has taken place a player is ineligible to play in the Heineken League for two matches.

But the movement within *Welsh rugby has reached such* proportions that these regulations need to be seriously revised. That successive committees have failed to address the problem of player movement, which was manifest a year after the league structure had begun, suggests a lack of understanding of the instability which this causes to a club and how, cumulatively disruptive this can be to Welsh rugby.

How can Aberavon and Bridgend, and others like them, hope to compete with some of the more fashionable, and often greedy, clubs who dominate the first division? Clive Rowlands and Clive *Norling, managers respective*ly of the two clubs, are attempting to prepare a foundation on continually shifting sand.

Aberavon lost Marc Evans, a lock, to Swansea recently, and this week Robert Howley, a scrum half who is thought to be of international class, said farewell to Bridgend to join Cardiff. As a result both *managers are forced unneces*sarily to review their player strength two months into the season when they might rightly need only to concentrate on their fixtures.

A more rigorous set of transfer regulations must soon be set in place, drawn on *the lines that a change of clubs* after the specified date should mean a long-term delay from playing in the League, six months, say, a year?

With this unmaking of their plans it should be no surprise to the two managers to see their teams play so unpatterned and unskilful a game as this. It was the kind of match which, since neither team did much to gain attention nor gave reason to cheer, the referee was unfairly condemned.

As a result of his interventions, Donald Davies kicked three penalty goals in the first half. What they lacked in skill, Aberavon made up through the enthusiasm of the 19-year-old Thrupp at scrum half and the industry of Kinsey in the *back row. A dropped goal and* a penalty goal by Nick Griffiths and a penalty goal by Gareth Thomas brought the scores level. But the afternoon was to remain try-less with Griffiths and Davies kicking a further penalty goal each.

SCORERS: Aberavon: Penalty goals: N Griffiths (2), Thomas: Dropped goal: N Griffiths. Bridgend: Penalty goals: D Davies (4).
ABERAVON: L Lewis; D Griffiths, A Bucknall, G Thomas, S Hutchinson; N Griffiths, J Thrupp, J Hughes, I Evans, K Allen, B Shanton, D Owen, J Jenkins, C Kinsey, J Williams. Jenkins replaced by E Williams (41min). Thomas replaced by N Davies (54min).
BRIDGEND: D Davies, G Webbe, M Jones, P Wintle, G Davies; M Lewis, J Lewis; D Rees, P Morgan, S Gale, J Dench, S Jenkins, N Spender, G Evans, O Lloyd. G Davies replaced by D Griffiths (74).
Referee: G Simmonds (Cardiff)

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Andrew sets up nonsensical finale

Midland Division 14
London Division 23

By John Hopkins

THERE is no point in disguising the fact that this was a nonsense of a game, in a competition that has been turned into a nonsense and will reach its nonsensical conclusion at the weekend. Edward Lear, the author of an *amusing book of rhymes ti*tled *The Book Of Nonsense*, would have felt entirely at home at Leicester on Saturday.

The first nonsense was the game itself, an ill-tempered affair to be laid before the genial presence of the secretary of the Rugby Football Union and a few thousand baying Leicester supporters. It began with a brawl between Rory Jenkins and Neil Back and at the first scrummage, moments later, Darren Garforth and Jason Leonard were at it too.

The game ended with a vigorous tackle by Martin Johnson on Rob Andrew, who had earlier been laid out by a late tackle by Back. In between, there was a lot of kicking, some of which was legal and done mostly by Andrew, and a lot of which was not.

The next nonsense was that there was not an England selector present. Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, was quoted in the programme as saying: "the divisional games are vital to England's *preparation". If they are so* vital, why could not at least one of his selection panel make his way to Welford Road?

London comfortably beat the Midlands, who were weakened by the after-effects of their match against the All Blacks four days earlier and the withdrawal of some players — Dean Richards, because of scrum-pox, for example. London were highly motivated by the implication that they were far inferior to the Midlands because they had been trounced by the All Blacks, whereas the Midlands narrowly lost in the dying minutes.

"There was a clear need to put the record straight," Tony Jorden, the chairman and coach of London, said. "None of our lads felt like soft southerners or soft Londoners."

This motivation was the goad that spurred London's forwards to take a grip of the game after half-time. Until then, the Midlands had led, albeit not very convincingly.

In the second half, however, *with a swirling wind at their* backs, the London forwards gave Andrew such good ball that he kicked beautifully. He passed the ball no more than three times in 40 minutes. It got a bit tedious for the home crowd. "Kick it" somebody shouted a fraction before Andrew did just that, again.

It was a logical and correct tactic on such an afternoon. Both London's tries came from lineouts that followed kicks of pin-point accuracy by Andrew, one with his right foot, one with his left.

London's victory means their game against the South and South-West will decide the divisional championship. And now we come to the third nonsense. This game will be played at Wasps on Saturday, the day before England A face the All Blacks. Players from both teams will be required by England.

"As many as six from our team could not be available," Jorden said. He put on a brave face; he is British, after all. "We'll just have to get on with the job," he said.

But then he admitted that it was daft, likening the situation to playing a cup final on the day of an international.

"To have a divisional championship play-off between two sides that are not at full strength is a nonsense," he said. It makes one wonder what the Cooperative Insurance Society thinks of it all. The sponsor has put money into the competition and committed itself to doing so for several years. In the first year *of its support, the competition* is a nonsense. How very British.



Andrew: correct tactics

SCORERS: Midlands: Tries: Saunders. Penalty goals: Steele (2). Dropped goal: Packman. London: Tries: Sheasby, Ryan. Conversion: Andrew (2). Penalty goals: Andrew (2). Dropped goal: Andrew
MIDLAND DIVISION: J Steele (Northampton), E Saunders (Rugby), F Packman (Northampton), I Bates (Leicester), H Thorneycroft (Northampton); J Harris (Leicester), M Dawson (Northampton); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton), D Garforth (Leicester), J Wells (Leicester), M Johnson (Leicester), S Lloyd (Moseley), N Back (Leicester), C Barrow (Bristol). Bates replaced by S Purdy (Moseley).
LONDON DIVISION: H Davies (Wasps); D O'Leary (Harlequins), G Childs (Wasps), D Hopley (Wasps), C Oti (Wasps); R Andrew (Wasps), S Bates (Wasps), J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), A Mullins (Harlequins), M Greenwood (Wasps), A Snow (Harlequins), D Ryan (Wasps), R Jenkins (London Irish), C Sheasby (Harlequins)
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset)

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

International match
France 16 Australia 13
France: Try: Hueber Dropped goals: Penaud, Sadourny. Pen: Lacroix. Con: Lacroix.
Australia: Try: Gavin Pens: Lynagh 2. Con: Lynagh Att: 40,000.

TOUR MATCH: Buenos Aires selection 28, South Africa XV 27

Tour match
SW Division 15 New Zealand 19
South-West Div: Pens: Callard 4. Dropped goal: Hull.
New Zealand: Try: Joseph Con: Cooper. Pens: Cooper 4

CIS Insurance divisional championship
Midlands 14 London and SE 23
Midlands: Try: Saunders Pens: Steele 2. Dropped goal: Packman.
London and South East: Tries: Ryan, Sheasby. Cons: Andrew 2. Pens: Andrew 2. Dropped goal: Andrew

Irish inter-provincial championship
Exiles 42 Connacht 12
Exiles: Tries: Cleary, Hickey, Hopley, Keenan. Cons: Corcoran 2. Pens: Corcoran 4. Dropped goals: Malone 2
Connacht: Pens: Whee 3. Dropped goal: Elwood.
Munster 21 Leinster 19

Courage Clubs Championship
Third division
Bedford 23 Fylde 12
Bedford: Tries: Deans, Turner, Whetstone. Cons: Finnie. Pens: Finnie 2.
Fylde: Tries: Hanavan, G Russell. Con: I Barclay

Blackheath 13 Coventry 14
Blackheath: Tries: Burns, Howard Pen: Burns.
Coventry: Try: Woodman. Pens: Angel 3.
Exeter 13 Rosslyn Park 13
Exeter: Tries: Chatterton, Doyle. Pen: Green.
Rosslyn Park: Tries: Horrocks-Taylor, Smither Pen: Robin
Morley 35 Redruth 6
Morley: Tries: Jenkins, Rowlands, Wray, Yule. Cons: Grayshon 3. Pens: Grayshon 2. Dropped goal: Grayshon.
Redruth: Pens: Blake 2
Richmond 36 Havant 3
Richmond: Tries: Della-Savina, Elliott, Greenwood, Hornung, Hutton. Cons: Livesey 4. Pen: Livesey
Havant: Pen: Ashworth

Fourth division
Aspatria	16	Broughton Park	18
Clifton	33	Leeds	6
Liverpool St H	30	Askeans	23
Sheffield	45	Plymouth	3
Sudbury	7	Harrogate	27

Fifth division north
Birmingham S	20	Kendal	15
Durham	27	Stoke-on-Trent	15
Lichfield	12	Hereford	22
Preston G	18	Winnington Pk	10
Rotherham	54	Stourbridge	18
Walsall	16	Bradford and B	15

Fifth division south
Barry Hill	3	North Walsham	3
High Wycombe	13	Basingstoke	11
London Welsh	0	Reading	12
Lydney	15	Weston-s-Mare	3
Maidstone	9	Tabard	23
Southend	29	Met Police	28

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: London First division: Barking 16 O Colliseins 10, Ealing 31 O Alleynians 3; Eton Manor 11 Thurrock 12; Harlow 13 O Midhelitgillians 19; Streatham 14 Dorking 12, Sutton and Epsom 8 Guildford and Godalming 21. South West: First division: Barnstaple 13 Maidenhead 0; Cheltenham 40 Sherborne 17; Cinderford 25 Henley 30; Gordon League 13 Stroud 13; Salisbury 3 Torquay 14.

Club matches
Bath	48	Loughborough St	6
Bigger	21	H Aloysians	20
Boroughmuir	22	West of Scotland	13
Cambridge Univ	15	Wasps	49
Edinburgh W	15	Glasgow High	28
Gala	14	Jed-Forest	11
Heriots FP	58	Royal High	13
Kirkcaldy	41	Howe of Fife	7
Langholm	10	Melrose	18
London Irish	71	Nuneaton	3
Musselburgh	10	Stirling County	39
Northampton	16	Moseley	21
Nottingham	3	Bristol	29
Orrell	22	Waterloo	8
Peebles	18	Alnwick	23
Rugby	10	Harlequins	20
Sale	57	Hawick	6
Saracens	8	Leicester	14
Stewarts Mel FP	9	Selkirk	9
Watsonians	33	Glasgow Acads	27
W Hartlepool	11	Newcastle G	6

Heineken League
First division
Aberavon	12	Bridgend	12

Aberavon: Pens: N Griffiths 2, Thomas
Dropped goal: N Griffiths
Bridgend: Pens: D Davies 4.
Cardiff	78	Pontypool	0

Cardiff: Tries: John 2, Moore 2, Rayer 2, Davies, Ford, Hill, Mills, Taylor. Cons: Davies 10 Dropped goals: Davies.

Cross Keys	10	Pontypridd	20

Cross Keys: Tries: Gittings, Nicholls
Pontypridd: Tries: Manley 2, Jenkins, Robbins.
Dunvant	10	Llanelli	43

Dunvant: Try: Morris. Con: Thomas. Pen: Thomas
Llanelli: Tries: Moon 3, Quinnell 2, N Davies, Proctor. Cons: Williams 4.
Newbridge	11	Neath	17

Newbridge: Try: Harding. Pens: Green 2
Neath: Tries: S Williams 2, R Jones. Con: McCarthy.
Swansea	30	Newport	3

Swansea: Tries: Barclay, Gibbs, Weatherley, Williams. Cons: Williams 2. Pens: Williams 2.
Newport: Pen: Rees.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neath	8	7	1	0	135	104	15
Llanelli	8	7	0	1	222	112	14
Swansea	8	7	0	1	191	106	14
Cardiff	8	6	0	2	228	70	12
Pontypridd	7	5	1	1	188	119	11
Bridgend	8	3	1	4	170	156	7
Dunvant	7	3	0	4	92	181	6
Aberavon	8	2	1	5	115	176	5
Newport	8	2	0	6	117	201	4
Newbridge	8	2	0	6	112	158	4
Pontypool	8	1	0	7	122	353	2
Cross Keys	8	0	0	8	106	231	0

Second division
Llandovery	9	Abertillery	29
Llanharan	5	Mountain Ash	13
Narberth	13	Ebbw Vale	15
Penarth	25	Tenby Utd	33
S Wales Police	16	Maesteg	10
Treorchy	24	Glamorgan W	0

Scottish inter-district championship
South	28	Glasgow	14

Armstrong is back in Scotland contention

GARY Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half, has undergone a change of mind about playing representative rugby *this season and has made* himself available to be selected at scrum half for the Scottish Districts team to face Auckland on 14 November.

Armstrong told the Scottish Rugby Union that he did not wish to be considered for selection at scrum half this season, citing family demands as the *main reason for stand*ing down.

The speculation must now be that Armstrong will reconsider his position with the SRU and make himself available for the five nations' championship games.

His antidote to what he considered was an overlong spell at scrum half was to seek rehabilitation elsewhere. But he has never looked comfortable at inside centre or standoff half for Jed-Forest.

Conor O'Shea, 23, the Lansdowne full back who would probably have been capped last season but for an ankle injury, makes his international debut for Ireland *against Romania at Lans*downe Road on 13 November. An under-21 cap, he had a successful summer tour of southern Africa with the Irish *development squad.*

IRELAND: C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne); R M Wallace (Garryowen), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), G F Halpin (London Irish), M J Galwey (Shannon), P S Johns (Dungannon), N P Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), B F Robinson (Ballymena). Replacements: C M McCall (Bangor), A McGowan (Blackrock College), R Saunders (London Irish), P T O'Hara (Cork Constitution), P McCarthy (Cork Constitution), K Wood (Garryowen).


MARC ASPLAND

The New Zealand captain, Freeman, has his hands full in tackling Joynt as Great Britain launch an attack during their triumph in the second international

Backs elevate Britain to new heights

Great Britain 29
New Zealand 12

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN THE 11 years since Australia tore away the blinkers of rugby league in England, their ruthless exposure of the game's inadequacies here has almost come full circle. From the low point of that stunning lesson in 1982, Great Britain are at a dizzy pinnacle after so humbling a series defeat of New Zealand.

It is not a question of if, but by how big a margin the whitewash will be completed in the third match at Headingley on Saturday. New Zealand, not the force they were in narrowly losing 2-1 in 1989, are far from a bad side. Indeed, it is only four months since they ran Australia, the world champions, uncomfortably close, drawing one of three games, so in what context should two overwhelming victories by Britain be placed?

For a fleeting moment, the inscrutable features of Malcolm Reilly, the coach, cracked as he dealt with this question. Beating Australia is an abiding ambition and one he feels Britain are close to realising. A pragmatist, he insisted the true yardstick will come when the Kangeroos visit next Autumn. After that comes the 1995 World Cup in England and a tour of Australia the following year, by which point the argument about supremacy will have been resolved.

With the odd exception, this vibrant young squad will be around for some time. In terms of physical development, Reilly still regards Australia as having an edge. Their hugely powerful forwards are a different proposition to those of New Zealand, but so unyielding is Britain's defence nowadays that most opponents would have submitted to the strength in the backs shown by Devereux and Newlove in scoring three of Britain's five tries.

Their performances, above all, illustrated the giant strides the game has taken here since Max Krilich's imperious Kangeroos came in the early Eighties. Subsequently, Australian coaches and players introduced new ideas and fresh life to the English game. Compromise was minimal, but progress exceptional and of the several fine victories achieved since then, none quite touched the emphatic heights as that at Wigan on Saturday.

Devereux and Newlove are products of a thrilling modern age: powerful, speedy, supremely balanced runners. Five tacklers could not prevent Devereux scoring the first of his two tries. Newlove's block-busting runs and his touchdown in a seven-man move, after Devereux had shot out of his blocks from 80 yards, had the resonance of Mal Meninga, the Australia captain and totem, so colossal was his presence in the centre.

Any criticism would surround the handful of handling errors in the first half, when New Zealand lofted the ball and looked to pounce. Perhaps the greatest encouragement, however, is the ability of Britain to stick to a game plan, whatever it is. This proved a master-stroke by Reilly, which left an increasingly flustered Kiwi side floundering in the second half.

Anticipating that Britain would apply the kicking game they successfully used at Wembley, New Zealand pulled back their wingers to contain the expected bombardment. It never came. Instead, Botica and Hoppe spent the afternoon chasing the shadows of Offiah and Devereux, as Britain moved the ball wide at every opportunity.

After the clinicism of the first encounter, there was an exuberance about Britain's play. That they are capable of both a tight and an expansive game shows how confident and adaptable the side is, although the missed tackles on Kemp, who teed up Watson for a try after six minutes, kept them on the back foot longer than envisaged. Two first-half attacks brought Devereux's tries, one courtesy of a poor pass by Watson.

With Edwards not giving Freeman an inch of room, New Zealand's creativity at half back waned and Britain waxed lyrical after the interval, Offiah and Newlove finishing long sweeping moves and Schofield dropping on a loose ball. It would have been Devereux's third try if Mann had not tackled him before he received the scoring pass.

Ropati's last-minute try brought Howie Tamati, the New Zealand coach, little consolation. Once again, errors undid his side. Few options remain. He brought in Botica to kick the goals, but Britain gave away only one kickable penalty. Atypically, Botica pushed it wide.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Tries: Devereux (2), Schofield, Offiah, Newlove. Goals: Davies (4). Dropped goal: Schofield. New Zealand: Tries: Watson, Ropati. Goals: Botica (2).

GREAT BRITAIN: J Davies (Warrington); J Devereux (Widnes), G Connolly (Wigan sub: A Tait, Leeds, 73min), P Newlove (Bradford Northern), M Offiah (Wigan); G Schofield (Leeds, capt), S Edwards (Wigan); K Mumbson (Halifax; sub: D Powell, Sheffield Eagles, 66), L Jackson (Sheffield Eagles), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern; sub: M Jackson, Halifax, 28), S Nicklo (St Helens; sub: R Eyres, Leeds, 58), C Joynt (St Helens), P Clarke (Wigan).

NEW ZEALAND: D Watson (Bradford Northern); F Botica (Wigan), K Iro (Leeds), I Ropati (Auckland), S Hoppe (Canberra; sub: J Williams, Canterbury-Bankstown, 49); T Kemp (Castleford), G Freeman (Penrith, capt); S Solomona (Oldham; sub: J Mercer, Leeds, 45), D Mann (Auckland; sub: W Tasewa, Canterbury, 73), B Stuart (Canterbury), S Kearney (Sydney Western Suburbs), Q Pongia (Canberra), J Mackie (Northland).

Referee: G McCallum (Australia).

Wigan pay heavily for busy schedule

WIGAN, because of international call-ups, were offered the chance to postpone their Stones Bitter Championship game yesterday, and bitterly regretted the decision to play (Christopher Irvine writes). They slumped to a 46-0 defeat at Castleford, the champion club's worst defeat for 21 years.

Gary Connolly was the only one of four players on duty at Central Park the previous day who made an appearance. In spite of a heavy injury list, Wigan felt confident enough not to call off the game and therefore add to their usual end-of-season fixture congestion. They suffered their heaviest defeat since losing 58-3 at Leeds in 1972.

Castleford have beaten Wigan at Wheldon Road for three years now. In suffering only their second defeat of the season, the visitors were dominated from start to finish. St'John Ellis, on the right wing, ran in a hat-trick and went past a career century of tries. Middleton, Anderson, Blackmore and Ford added to the rout. Crooks landed seven goals.

Bradford Northern moved two points clear at the top of the first division following a 44-24 home defeat of Salford. Watson (2) and Newlove, the Great Britain centre, on opposite sides in Saturday's international, were among the tryscorers, as Bradford maintained their undefeated home record with nine tries.

After two successive defeats, Halifax, the fifth-placed side, recovered to win 28-18 at Hull Kingston Rovers. Wakefield Trinity won their first home game, narrowly beating Oldham 22-21 and Widnes maintained their recovery with a 24-12 dismissal of Featherstone Rovers.

The first round of the Regal Trophy followed the form book. After defeating non-league opposition, all 16 professional second division clubs will enter the second-round draw today. The French sides, Carcassone and St Esteve, lost at Carlisle and London Crusaders. Second division Carlisle badly dented Carcassonne's pride with a thrilling 36-24 Regal Trophy victory.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Yachting considers Olympic reform

NATIONAL teams competing in the 1996 Olympic yachting regatta at Savannah, Georgia, may not be able to select crews to compete in all ten disciplines if delegates attending the annual conference of the International Yacht Racing Union in Toronto have their way (Barry Pickthall writes). The move answers a call from the International Olympic Committee to reduce the number of competitors at the next Games. The plan, put forward yesterday, calls for a series of regional Olympic selection trials to weed out less competitive entries.

The union is also intent on giving the sport a fresh image. "It needs to clean up its act," Jacques Rogge, the Belgian Finn sailor, said when he called on delegates to act against irresponsible race organisers. Another move likely to be welcomed by all yachtsmen is the simplification of the yacht racing rules. One version being promoted yesterday, for adoption in 1996, cuts the rules down from the present version, which is published in an 80-page booklet, to three sides of A4. The unabridged rules are expected to remain in force for international events, but a simplified version could be recommended for club racing.

Record for hill climb

CYCLING: Stuart Dangerfield again won the struggle for the title of Britain's hill climb champion on Newlands Pass, Buttermere, yesterday (Peter Bryan writes). Dangerfield, the defending champion, made the climb in 6min 12.2sec, beating the hill record by 1min 44sec, although after a previous day's trial he believed he could get inside six minutes. The start was at 300 feet above sea level and the finish line at 1,000 feet with a double hairpin bend of 1 in 4 to demand any final reserves that riders had.

Jeff Wright was one second faster than Dangerfield at the halfway check, but he faded, finished almost four seconds slower and had to be content with silver for the third successive year.

Guernsey finally falter

BOWLS: The giant-killing exploits of Guernsey and Argentina finally faltered in the closing stages of the Atlantic Rim outdoor championships at Sun City Center, Florida (David Rhys Jones writes). Wins for Ireland in the pairs and Wales in the triples gave a British Isles monopoly as England and Scotland had earlier struck gold in the singles and fours. But Argentina had ruined England's chances in the pairs and Guernsey lost to Wales in the triples through a serious attack of nerves.

Guernsey won the bronze medal in the triples, and Namibia followed suit in the pairs. England, who took silver in pairs and triples, won the overall team title, with Wales in second place and Scotland third.

Pontypool seek players

RUGBY UNION: Pontypool are to begin a recruitment drive after the 78-0 Heineken League loss to Cardiff on Saturday. It was the worst defeat in the club's history and the first time the team had failed to score in a league match. "Something has to be done quickly," Ivor Taylor, a club official, said. "We simply don't have the quality and we are going to make every effort to recruit." This was Pontypool's seventh defeat in eight league matches and they have conceded a record 353 points. "I never thought I'd see the day when a Pontypool pack was trundled back 20 yards for a push-over try," Taylor said.

Patient Piccard prevails

SKIING: Franck Piccard became the first Frenchman in 20 years to win a World Cup giant slalom when he took first place in the opening race of the season in Sölden, Austria, on Saturday. Piccard, 29, almost gave up racing after a disappointing season last year, but decided to go on for his tenth season. His time of 1min 56.32sec down the Rettenbach glacier vindicated that decision.

Anita Wachter made a perfect start to her defence of the women's championship at the same venue yesterday. The Austrian stormed to a convincing victory in the giant slalom in a time of 2min 14.57sec.

Two claim Hawaii

TRIATHLON: Two triathletes have dominated the Hawaii Ironman in recent years, and although both have been sidelined with injuries during the past few months, they once again captured the World Ironman titles. Mark Allen, of the United States, won for the fifth time and Paula Newby-Fraser, of Zimbabwe, took her sixth title to equal the record number of Ironman wins of the now retired American, Dave Scott. Allen has achieved a unique grand slam in the sport as this year he has won the other two "classics", in France and Switzerland.

Bailey rises rapidly

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED: Sarah Bailey's fast rise as a Paralympian swimmer was underlined as she broke two world records at the BT-BSAD national swimming championships in Sheffield. The 16-year-old from Stockport, who already held three world records going into the championships at Ponds Forge, won six of her seven events and established world records for the 100 metres breast stroke, in 1min 29.29sec, and the 200 metres backstroke, in 2min 38.47sec. Scottish swimmers also did well, Iain Matthew and Helen Lewis setting world records.

Clarke shines in show

EQUESTRIANISM: Britain's reigning high jump champions, Warren Clarke, 25, and his grey horse, Benjamin, shared first prize in the Puissance at the Washington International Horse Show, at US Air Arena, Maryland. Tying with him for the Congressmen's Trophy was Gaby Salick, 18, from the Sandstone Ranch in California, and a leading amateur. He rode Elans 2+2, the former ride of the British team member, Kim Grubb. John Popeley, of Britain, 22, shared third prize on Bluebird, having cleared the wall at 6ft 8.5in.

Frost leads Norman

GOLF: David Frost, of South Africa, back on American soil after a month in Europe, birdied two of the final three holes to take a two-shot lead over hard-charging Greg Norman after the third round at the Tour Championship in San Francisco on Saturday. On a day when the lead changed hands regularly, Frost broke out of the pack with birdies at the 16th and 17th to score a two-under 69 on the Olympic course. Norman also finished strongly, with birdies at the final two holes, to record a 68.

Stich coolness pays off

TENNIS: The former Wimbledon champion, Michael Stich, delivering his first service at reduced power and performing more steadily on the pressure points, defeated Goran Ivanisevic 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-2 in an exciting final of the Stockholm Open yesterday. The match lasted two hours 33 minutes and Ivanisevic, of Croatia, playing flat-out throughout, served 30 aces to 14 by his German opponent. "I was determined to stay cool, get my first service in and wait for my chances," Stich said.

Steely nerve keeps Ebdon in frame

BY PHIL YATES

PETER Ebdon's fortitude, an important asset throughout the snooker tournament, enabled him to remain in contention against Ken Doherty after the first session in the final of the Skoda grand prix in Reading yesterday. At 4-4, the best-of-17-frame match could not have been more fascinatingly poised.

After beating John Parrott 9-5 on Saturday to earn his debut in the final of a ranking tournament, Ebdon, who recovered from 3-4 to beat Stephen Hendry in the last 32 and from 1-4 to edge Gary Wilkinson in the quarter-finals, singled out the birth of his first child as the reason for his focus.

Clorissa was born three months ago. "My game is good and my whole life is coming together," Ebdon, 23, said. "I have become a stronger person because of the baby. She has made me realise what life is all about. I am more responsible and determined now."

The steel in Ebdon's make-up was in evidence yesterday as he produced two counter-attacks to prevent Doherty, a convincing 9-4 semi-final conqueror of Steve Davis, from seizing control. Although he ended the afternoon on level terms Doherty, winner of the Scottish Masters last month, must have felt the psychological loser.

Doherty, who became the first player from Ireland to prevail in a ranking event when he captured the Regal Welsh Open title in February, compiled breaks of 61 and 64 to win the opening two frames but had the third snatched away when he missed a relatively straightforward pink.

Ebdon, the world No 21, potted an excellent black, and fought back from 46-0 down in the fourth frame with an 82 break for 2-2, only to see Doherty re-establish a two-frame cushion at 4-2 with fluent runs of 50, 58 and 54.

Deciding that a continued policy of aggressive shot selection was the most sensible course of action to follow, Ebdon potted a long red to initiate the 51 break in the seventh frame which reduced his deficit to 3-4.

The former world junior champion constructed a 52 in the eighth frame and achieved interval parity when Doherty could not convert a half-chance to clear the colours.

The match was effectively transformed into a best-of-nine frame affair with the question of Ebdon's ability to cope with the pressures of a tight concluding session at the heart of the matter.

A £60,000 first prize and a possible breakthrough guaranteed that Ebdon's mental strength, which he claims has improved a thousand-fold since he turned professional two years ago, would be tested to the full.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: P Ebdon (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 9-5; K Doherty (Ire) bt S Davis (Eng), 9-4. Final: K Doherty level with P Ebdon, 4-4. Frame scores (Doherty first): 68-36, 79-16, 51-55, 46-52, 78-32, 120-0, 66-27, 33-77.


Ebdon: recovery

Rapturous reception for Broome

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN MILLSTREET, CO CORK

DAVID Broome gained one of the most emotional wins of his long and distinguished equestrian career when he and Lannegan relegated Michael Whitaker and Everest My Messieur to second place in the Volvo World Cup qualifier here on Saturday night.

Broome, 53, whose win was greeted with a standing ovation by the Millstreet crowd, could barely contain his delight. Although this was his eighth win in a World Cup qualifier, his last one was ten years ago in Amsterdam, riding Last Resort.

"I thought my days of winning a qualifier were well and truly over," the former world and European champion said after receiving his £17,000 new car — proudly watched by his sons, Matthew and James. "This is a bonus — especially happening here in Ireland."

It was at Millstreet, eight years ago, that Broome first spotted Lannegan. By Hail Titan, he had been bred in Co Galway by the late Paddy O'Connor. "He was a big, raw novice but with a heart of gold," Broome recalled.

Although numerous successes have come their way, including the King George V Gold Cup and the Millstreet outdoor Derby, none has shown the 14-year-old gelding's scope to more telling effect than the jump-off on Saturday.

Only six of the 44 starters managed to go clear over Steve Hickey's well constructed, but unforgiving, 12-fence opening round. Three of these were British, Broome, Whitaker and Nigel Coupe, on Suntory.

The stylish Alexandra Ledermann, of France, set the standard in the jump-off with a fast clear round in 30.44sec on Rochet Rouge. Whitaker promptly knocked more than a second off her time on Everest My Messieur with a round that looked unassailable.

Eddie Macken, of Ireland, on Schalkhaar, and Bruce Goodin, of New Zealand, on Reservation, had failed to match it by the time Broome came into the ring. "When Michael's done a round like that, you know you've got no choice but to go for it," Broome said.

He had a perfect stride to the first and second fences. Urged on by the crowd, they were still clear — and fractionally up on Whitaker's time — as they made a dramatic short cut into the last big oxer. "We were just wrong at it," Broome said, "but the atmosphere takes you over. I just rode for it and the horse was generous."


Broome: emotional win

Lannegan, who reminds Broome of Sunsalve — the horse on which he won his Olympic bronze medal in 1960 — responded with a superb jump that brought them home 0.007sec ahead of Whitaker. Matthew Broome, 11, showered his neighbour with popcorn in his excitement.

Although Macken, in fifth place, was the highest placed Irishman, Broome's win could scarcely have been more popular.

RESULTS: Volvo World Cup Qualifier: 1, Lannegan (D Broome, GB), 0 faults in 28.78sec; 2, Everest My Messieur (M Whitaker, GB), 0 in 28.83; 3, Rochet Rouge (A Ledermann, Fr), 0 in 30.44; 4, Suntory (N Coupe, GB), 4 in 29.27. Oldbank Speed Derby: 1, Equinox (P Darragh, Ire), 0 in 63.57; 2, Shelton di San Patrignano (F Lopez, Sp), 0 in 65.12; 3, Ulior des Isles (A Ledermann, Fr), 0 in 65.71

Smyth leads as final round is delayed

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DES SMYTH, who has led the Madrid Open golf tournament from the start, was three shots clear of the field after ten holes of his final round as failing light brought an end to a chaotic fourth day. The Irishman collected nine pars and one birdie in his shortened spell and, at 16 under par, leads José Rivero, of Spain, who has completed 11 holes, by three strokes.

David Feherty, David J. Russell, Wayner Westner, of South Africa, Eduardo Romero, of Argentina, and Santiago Luna, of Spain, are a shot behind. Westner, who criticised the organisers for allowing play to go ahead in the monsoon-like conditions, will resume his final round today. Feherty, who scored a round of 66, and Russell, who had a 67, at least finished their final rounds and on 276, 12 under par, are the joint leaders in the clubhouse.

Romero had played 15 holes, Luna 13 and Westner ten on a day which left 19 of the 68 players still out on the course when time was called.

The problems began at the start of the day when heavy rain saturated the greens and bunkers and play was not possible for two hours and ten minutes.

Another 70-minute hold-up midway through the afternoon caused more chaos and ensured that the fourth round could not be completed.

Smyth, however, like a true professional, refused to be put off by the delays or the conditions. His only birdie came at the long 5th, which he reached in two and two-putted from 40 feet.

He played conservatively, not shooting for the flags that were in difficult positions. "The only thing that worried me," he said, "was the slowness of the play.

"We were going at a snail's pace and the greens were so difficult to judge. I made good saves for par at the 4th, 6th and 9th where I holed good second putts from between four and six feet, but I just tried to concentrate on not getting a bogey.

"If a guy shoots a 65 or 66 and beats me, well good luck to him, but it's so far, so good. I have not made many mistakes," Smyth added.

LEADING FINAL ROUND SCORES (British or Irish unless stated; 19 players to complete today): 276: D Feherty, 68 72 70 66; DJ Russell, 74 67 69 67; 277: G Brand Jr, 75 65 69 69. 278: D W Betson (SA), 70 72 67 69; S Struver (Ger), 72 70 67 69; A Oldcorn, 70 71 70 67. 279: F Lindgren (Swe), 74 68 69 68; A Forsbrand (Swe), 73 68 70 68; P Fowler (Aus), 69 70 71 70; M Davis, 68 72 69 70; B Lane, 69 68 73 71; M James, 71 69 68 71. 280: R Lee, 70 71 71 68; J-M Carriles (Sp), 71 70 68 71; P Hall, 73 68 69 71. 281: P Way, 70 70 72 69; A Sorensen (Den), 68 72 70 71; I Garrido (Sp), 72 67 70 72; R Rafferty, 72 71 66 72.

282: S Richardson, 69 69 73 71; P Eales, 72 71 69 70; H Selby-Green, 71 72 70 69; D Cooper, 72 67 71 72; J Robinson, 71 70 69 72. 283: Y Beamonte (Sp), 68 72 73 70; A Prieto (Sp), 70 70 73 70; C Moody, 73 69 72 69; M Prieto (Sp), 69 70 71 73; M Bessanceney (Fr), 69 72 68 74. 284: G Call (It), 68 75 68 73; S Gragnassonni (It), 71 71 69 73; J Townsend (US), 73 67 71 73; J McHenry, 72 70 71 71; R Drummond, 73 70 71 70; B Marchbank, 69 72 68 75. 285 M Krantz (Swe), 71 69 69 76; R Boxall, 72 70 70 73; DR Jones, 73 70 69 73; L Gabarda (Sp), 66 73 73 73; M-A Jiménez (Sp), 74 69 71 71. 286: J Quirós (Sp), 67 72 74 73; R McFarlane, 71 70 73 72; J Payne, 71 71 73 71, J Rozadilla (Sp), 72 71 72 71.

Morrison's defeat deals knockout blow to $14m bout as backer withdraws

Lewis looks to Foreman for next pay-day

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN TULSA

TOMMY Morrison went the way of other white hopes here on Friday. His demise might have passed unnoticed in Britain had it not been at the hands of a little-known English-born heavyweight, Michael Bentt, and wiped $7 million off the earnings of Lennox Lewis.

Morrison was to have shared $14 million with Lewis in a unification bout at the new MGM Grand here in March, but the hotel withdrew its support immediately after Morrison was knocked out in 93 seconds of the first round.

The hotel did not feel a contest between Bentt and Lewis would help to bring much business into the casino. However, if Evander Holyfield beats Riddick Bowe this weekend to lift the World Boxing Assocation and International Boxing Federation titles, the hotel said it would be prepared to look at a bout between Holyfield and Lewis.

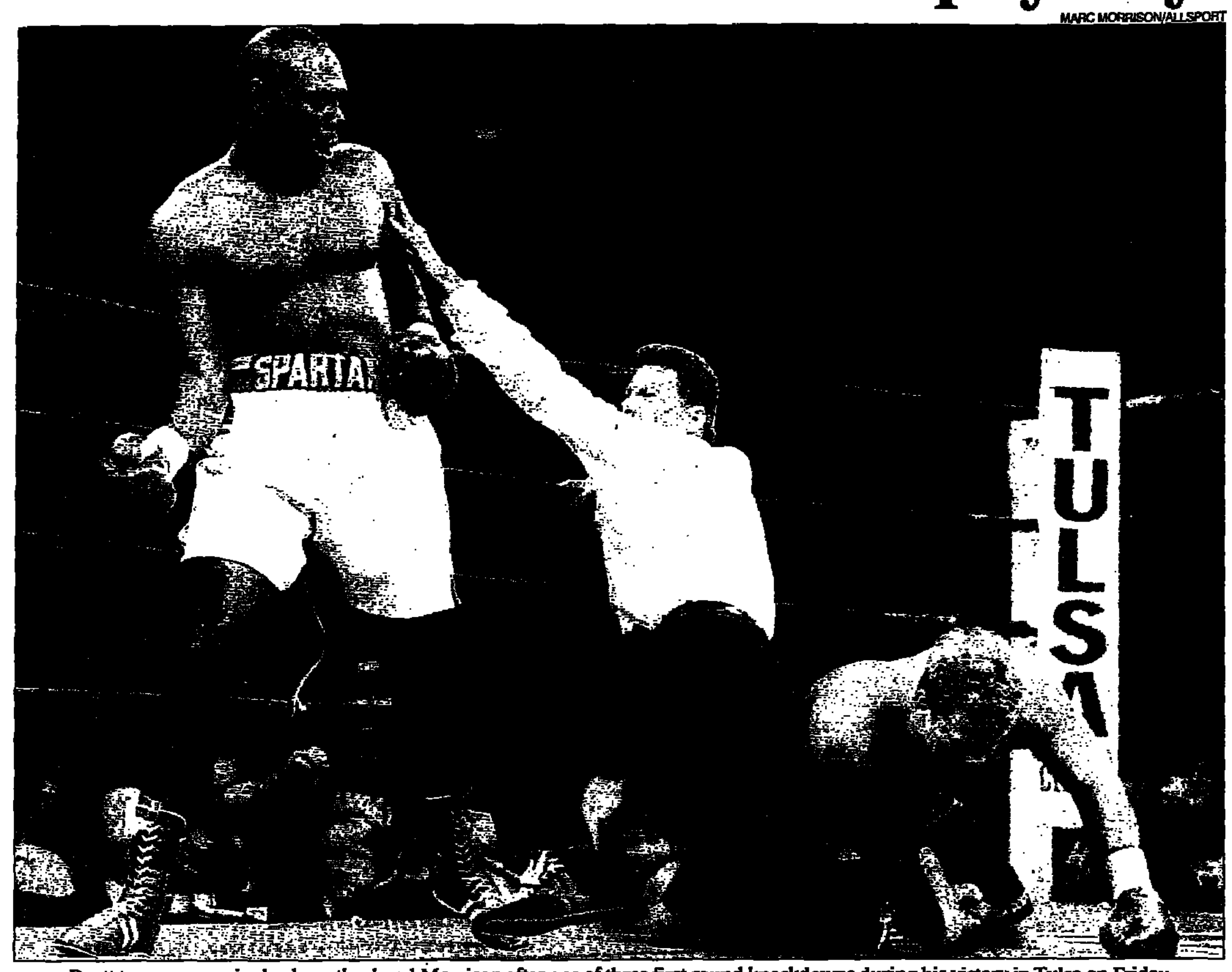
Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, spoke optimistically about bringing Bowe and his manager, Rock Newman, to the table. But it would be surprising if the two champions met before the end of next year, Bowe being committed to a defence against Michael Moorer in April.

"I'm having talks with Rock Newman," Maloney said. "But we will not be blackmailed. Lennox and Bowe need each other equally. If we are not offered a fair deal then there will be no fight.

"In a perfect world, Lennox against Bowe would happen next spring but nothing will be decided until after November 6. If Holyfield beats Bowe, then I can guarantee that he will fight for the undisputed titles in March or April.

"As for Morrison, I just could not believe the so-called brains of people who put him in with Bentt. Before the fight I warned them against it but the arrogance made them think they knew better. Now they have blown their $7 million pay-day."

Lewis said: "I would have knocked out the pair of them with my jab. It proves that you dare not underestimate anyone. I definitely want to fight next March. I'd love to be fighting Bowe but it has got to be right financially."



MARC MORRISON/ALLSPORT

Bentt towers menacingly above the dazed Morrison after one of three first-round knockdowns during his victory in Tulsa on Friday

If Holyfield is beaten and negotiations with Bowe for a bout in March fail, such is the depleted state of the heavyweight division that Lewis would find himself with only one opponent to give him the kind of money he wants, George Foreman. The big man has recorded his sitcom series George and is ready to return to boxing. Foreman was beaten by Morrison in June but it is felt that he did not try very hard and is still a big enough name to interest a casino. He would be a tough opponent for Lewis.

While Bentt's victory might be the cause for celebration in England — after all, he did win the World Boxing Organisation title even if it is the least regarded of the world championships — it was not considered to be of any significance by boxing experts. Bentt, for all his amateur experience (he was New York Golden Gloves champion and three times the United States national champion) and spectacular win over Morrison, is regarded as little more than a novice, having had only 12 contests. Two bouts ago he earned $1,200. For Morrison he received $130,000.

He is not thought to be good enough to tackle Lewis or Bowe. It is unlikely that he would last more than a couple of rounds with them. But he can certainly make high six-figure sums against second and third division men like Ray Mercer, Frank Bruno and Herbie Hide, of Norwich.

Bentt's manager, Stan Hoffman, said he would be bringing the champion to London in November to have talks with Mickey Duff, Bruno's matchmaker and promoter, and Barry Hearn, Hide's manager, to stage a bout in Britain in December or January against one of the above three.

Bentt's victory, though impressive, seemed to me to be fortuitous rather than one entirely of his own making, although Bentt's wily trainer, Eddie Mustapha Muhammad, claimed otherwise. Bentt was on the point of himself being knocked out from an uppercut and two left hooks when Morrison, in wading in to finish him, left his chin undefended.

Muhammad said that Morrison had been "suckered" into the knockout. The whole position was set up from the moment Bentt entered the ring chewing bubble gum and blowing bubbles throughout the preliminaries. "That was all rehearsed," Muhammad said. "From the moment contracts were signed we considered him as the champion. I told Michael 'all we've got to do is pick up the belt. If you get hit with a left hook, hold your composure. He's going to lean in face first. Then soft, soft, boom'. That's exactly how it happened."

All Morrison had had to do was take his time and land one big punch to take Bentt out. Instead he started belabouring him on his gloves, thus allowing Bentt to recover and unleash a fierce combination.

The second blow, a right, dropped Morrison. He got up and stood listening to the mandatory count, looking helpless and sick. He was down twice more and was beaten by the three knockdown rule. It is not surprising that his management was feeling exactly as Morrison had felt in the ring at the thought of $7 million being blown away.

Slough's defiance ended by Laslett's sole strike

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

JASON Laslett's goal, from a short corner in the 52nd minute, brought Teddington a merited 1-0 home victory over Slough in the Pizza Express men's national hockey league yesterday.

It was, however, a victory hard earned against Slough's stubborn defence, in which their sprightly goalkeeper, Lea-Elms, was outstanding. Laslett gained compensation after hitting a post three minutes earlier, and Slough's goal had another escape, in the first minute of the second half, when a shot by Hauck was taken off the line by Phillips.

Slough launched several spirited raids in both periods without being able to put the finishing touch and their luck ran out towards the end when they lost Maskery with a hand injury. Two minutes before full-time, a stick save by Lea-Elms denied McGuire a second goal for Teddington.

Havant, the home side, and Old Loughtonians produced a thrilling match which the visitors won 6-5. The three goals which Hill scored for Havant, two from short corners and one from a penalty stroke, were answered by Gladman, who scored three for Loughtonians from open play. Cooper and Giles completed the scoring for Havant, but Nick Thompson, with two, and Barker tipped the scales for Loughtonians.

East Grinstead, visiting Birmingham University, lost their unbeaten record when they were defeated 1-0 by Firebrands, for whom Hadrell scored in the thirteenth minute.

Havant's defeat left only Hounslow and Southgate holding maximum points from four matches. Southgate beat Reading 1-0 with Castenskiold scoring from a short corner in the 26th minute. Hounslow completed a 4-0 win at home over St Albans, Crutchley scoring two goals, Gordon and Potter one each.

Guildford were toppled from their position as leaders of the second division when they lost 3-1 to Surbiton, Notton scoring all three goals for Surbiton.

Ageless Souyave inspires Hightown revival

Hightown	2
Sutton Coldfield	0

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT HAS taken some time, but at last Hightown are beginning to resemble the team that ran Ipswich so close for the women's league hockey title last year. A 2-0 win over Sutton Coldfield on Saturday has pushed them to fifth place in the table and given them an abundance of confidence.

Hoping for a repeat of their last meeting with the Liverpool club just three weeks ago, when they won 3-1, Sutton were surprised by Hightown's new-found aggression and then forced to rethink their game plan as Nancy Stokes scored the first goal after five minutes, smacking in a rebound from a shot by Tina Cullen.

Maggie Souyave, Hightown's player-coach, was the inspiration behind the team's performance. Making light of her 40 years, she scampered the length and breadth of the pitch and was at the centre of all the action, helping out in defence and supporting in attack.

She got her reward at the end of the first half. From a penalty corner, Jackie Crook slipped the ball into space and up popped Souyave unmarked to make it 2-0.

After the break Souyave rallied her troops into renewed efforts. Playing a short passing game, Hightown supported each other, created a variety of options and never let Sutton get into the match.

Still enjoying the challenge of playing despite her coaching commitments at club and international level, Souyave was delighted to have left the memories of three early league defeats behind her.

"Attitude makes a tremendous difference," she said. "You have to have an appetite for playing the game and having confidence gives you something extra on the pitch."

HIGHTOWN: C Reid; J Crook, D Mills, L Mersden, C Cook, M Souyave, J Aspin, F Lee, L Carr, T Cullen, N Stokes. Sub used, T Maudsley.
SUTTON COLDFIELD: H Atkinson; H Whalley, L Stirling, J Davies, J Nightingale, J Hill, J Toon, M Davies, L Lee, J Sossmith, J Swinnerton. Subs used, L Parker, T Bernowski, H North.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TULSA, Oklahoma: Tulsa Run (15km): Men: 1, L Swartbooi (Nam), 44min 37sec; 2, T Williams (US), 44:41; 3, R Vera (US), 44:45. Women: 1, L Jennings (US), 49:47; 2, C de Oliveira (US), 50:08; 3, A Latko (US).
CASSIS, France: Half marathon: Men: 1, S Bitok (Ken), 1hr 2min 55sec; 2, D Lewis (GB), 1:03:09; 3, L Tasacek (Cz), 1:03:23. Women: 1, A Peterkova (Cz), 1:12:17; 2, E Barocsi (Hun), 1.12:30; 3, A van Schuppen (Hol), 1:13:30.
OITA, Japan: Wheelchair marathon: Men: 1, H Frei (Switz), 1hr 34min 35sec; 2, P Coupne (Fr), 1:38:46; 3, K Schabort (SA), 1:39:42. British placings: 7, I Newman, 1:40:23; 10, D Holding, 1:40:24. Women: 1, M Wetterstrom (Swe), 1:52:08; 2, L Anggreny (Ger), 1:52:09; 3, R Hill (GB), 1:56:32.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Guildford 102 (Miller 22, Pearson 18), London Towers 76 (R Scantlebury 19, Ayinla 16); Oldham 82 (Casey 26, Lemmer 21), Hemel Hempstead 79 (Odudu 19, Koochof 17); Worthing 85 (Irish 25, Lewis 21), Thames Valley 104 (P Scantlebury 29, N Lloyd 25).
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bury 93, Cardiff 106
MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: First round: Crystal Palace 81, Derby 88; Plymouth 95, Mid Sussex 92; Chiltern 48, Coventry 80.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Barking and Dagenham 65, Birmingham 82; Northampton 95, Nottingham 35; Rhondda 46, Thames Valley 85. Second division: London Heat 96, Spelthorne 50, Sunderland 46, Harlesden 32.
NBA LONDON MATCH: Orlando Magic 120, Atlanta Hawks 95 (at Wembley)

BOWLS

SUN CITY CENTER, Florida: Atlantic Rim outdoor championships: Pairs: Tenth round: K Spangler and A Barber (US) bt G Daniel and N Shaw (Eng), 21-14; S A Milligan and E Jones (Can) bt J Nicolle and A Simon (Guer), 27-23; B Cameron and P Noland (Ire) bt M de Moreno and M de Canzani (Arg), 44-9; M Le Marquand and S Syvret (Jer) bt L Evans and B Morgan (Wales), 20-15, C du Plessis and A Ainsworth (Nam) bt H Bekker and B Redshaw (SA), 23-15; J Lindores and S McCrone (Scot) bt P Cole and J Taylor (Sp), 33-6. Round 11: Pairs: Canada bt United States, 24-16; England bt Argentina, 29-16, Guernsey bt Wales, 23-16, South Africa bt Ireland, 21-17; Jersey bt Spain, 29-17; Namibia bt Scotland, 22-15.
Triples: Tenth round: England (M Heggie) bt United States (S Forbess), 26-14; Canada (R Toal) bt Guernsey (S Paul), 26-15; Ireland (F Elliott) bt Argentina (L de Roca), 26-10; Wales (R Jones) bt Jersey (J Jones), 20-7; Namibia (L King) bt South Africa (L Dwyer), 14-7; Scotland (F Whyte) bt Spain (K Jones), 30-11. Eleventh round: United States bt Canada, 20-12; England bt Argentina, 24-9, Wales bt Guernsey, 23-17, South Africa bt Ireland, 26-10; Spain bt Jersey, 20-18, Scotland bt Namibia 18-11.
NATIONAL INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Hebburn 85, Newcastle 80; Stanley 133, Copeland 44; Cumbria 112, Tynedale 61; Gateshead 66, Sunderland 86, Hartlepool 93, King James 54; Erewash 68, Nottingham 78; Elmbridge 88, Richmond 75; Mansfield 81, Wey Valley 90; Herga 52, Paddington 121; King George 57, Cambridge Park 95; Sutton 73, Dartford Stone Lodge 72; Temple 68, Crystal Palace 104; Cyphers 116, Donyngs 47; Croydon 70, Egham 83; Old Coulsdon 67, Prince Arthur 84; Preston 91, Gullivers 54; Oyster 78, Sevenoaks 80, East Dorset 122, Havant 48; Five Rivers 80, Worthing 81; Brackley 64, Watford 88; Westlecot 57, Clevedon 86; Bentham 85, Thames Down 66; Gloucester 71, Cotswold 80; Whitchurch 77, Bristol 72, Plymouth 77, Plymouth Civil Service 68; Kingsley 53, Teignbridge 98; City of Ely 100, Risbygate 66, Bridgman 61, March 113, Rugby 94, Kettering 65; Diss 66, North Walsham 92; Gallow 66, Roundwood 87; Wymondham Dell 89, County Arts 63; Tye Green 80, Barking 63, Ipswich 111, Cheshunt 67.

BOXING

TULSA, Oklahoma: WBO heavyweight championship: Michael Bentt (US) ko Tommy Morrison (US, holder), 1st rnd. IBF super-middleweight championship: James Toney (US, holder) bt Tony Thornton (US), pts
ZARAGOZA, Spain: WBO super-bantamweight championship: Daniel Jimenez (P Rico, holder) bt Felix Garcia Losada (Sp), rsc 5th rnd.
JOHANNESBURG: WBA lightweight championship: Orzubek Nazarov (Russ) bt Dingaan Thobela (SA, holder), pts.
PHOENIX, Arizona: WBC and IBF light-flyweight championship: Michael Carbajal (US, holder) bt Domingo Sosa (Dom), rsc 5th rnd
COPENHAGEN: WBO junior bantamweight championship: Johnny Bredahl (Den, holder) bt Eduardo Nazario (P Rico), disq 4th.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: Victoria 357-9 dec and 198 (M Elliott 99, T May 5-80, P McIntyre 5-61); South Australia 430 and 127-1 (P Nobes 63 not out, J Bradshaw 54 not out). South Australia won by 9 wickets
Perth: Western Australia 211 and 280-4 (J Langer 96, D Martyn 56); Queensland 430 (T Barsby 82, I Healy 79, A Border 65, C McDermott 61). Match drawn.
AUSTRALIAN LIMITED-OVERS CUP: Adelaide: South Australia 226-4 (J Siddons 90 no); Victoria 227-3 (D Jones 95 not out). Victoria won by 7 wickets
CASTLE CUP (third day of four). Verwoerdburg: Western Province 510-7 dec (G Kirsten 192 not out, A Kuiper 90, C Best 71); Northern Transvaal 210 (A Martyn 3-36) and 259-3 (C Lambert 119 not out, K Rule 68 not out). Bloemfontein: Orange Free State 450-8 dec (H Cronje 150, M Arthur 99) and 61-1, Natal 435 (J Rhodes 114, N Johnson 95, M Marshall 59 not out). Port Elizabeth: Border 322 (P Botha 124 not out, A Lawson 86) and 151-1 (P Kirsten 86 not out), Eastern Province 457-9 dec (D Richardson 128, E Bapiste 97, D Callaghan 71). Stellenbosch: Boland 454 (J Commins 137, T Lazard 110, P DeFreitas 63, S Jack 4-119) and 48-0; Transvaal 351 (J Cook 119, D Laing 52; A Newman 5-86)

CYCLING

HILL-CLIMB: RTTC National championship (Newlands Pass, Cumbria, 1,940 metres): 1, S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 6min 12.2sec (course record). 2, J Wright (North East RT), 6:16 0; 3, R Reynolds-Jones (VC Bradford) 6,19.4. Team: Leo RC, 21:11 3.
CYCLO-CROSS: BC-CA International (Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 22km). 1, D Gil (Poland), 1:02:18; 2, R Hammond (GS), at 1sec. 3, S Douce (PCA), at 2sec. Reading CC (12 miles) A Ford (Addiscombe CC), 1.00.45. Cardiff 100-Milers RCC (12 miles). M Greaves (Golden Valley CC), 51:15 Severn RC (Bristol, 15 miles). P James (Bristol MBC), 48:15, Yello Velo (Horncastle, Lincolnshire, 12 miles): P Wakefield (Cherry Valley RT), 1:00:30. VC Norwich (Little Plumstead, 11 miles: R Bradley (Pro Circuit) 1:07·45. Mercury RT (Leeds, 15 miles): P Dixon (Rocky Mountain), 58:03, Houghton CC (Sunderland, 12 miles): G Turnbull (Tyne Triathlon Club), 1:03:20 Tameside Cycle Speedway Club (Mottram, Greater Manchester, 12 miles): I Sidebottom (Crag MBC, Bury), 58:30. East Liverpool Wheelers (12 miles): D Cook (O Rangers), 58:21. Long Eaton CC (10 miles): D Baker (Raleigh), 54·06. Eastway Supporters' League (London, 14 miles): R Eden (Covent Garden Cycles). 1:06:00.
TIME-TRIAL: Kettering Amateur CC (Brigstock, Northamptonshire, 10 miles): J French (Leo RC), 23:08. Team: Oundle Velo, 1.19:02.
SIX-DAY RACE: Grenoble (after three days): 1, S Martinello and A Vila (It), 106pts; 2, at one lap, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) and P Bincoleto (It), 115; 3, at two laps, D Rugg and P Vetch (Switz), 91; 4, P Ermeneault (Fr) and D Woods (Aus), 70.

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 1 St Patrick's Ath 1; Limerick 0 Derry City 1, Monaghan Utd 3 Galway Utd 1; Shamrock 3 Cobh 0.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Gronigen 2 SC Heerenveen 2; Volendam 0 Willem II Tilburg 3; Feyenoord 4 MVV Maastricht 0, Twente Enschede 0 Sparta Rotterdam 0; Cambuur Leeuwarden 1 PSV Eindhoven 3; RKC Waalwijk 1 Go Ahead Eagles 2; NAC Breda 0 Ajax 5; Roda JC Kerkrade 4 Utrecht 0.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Angers 0 Marseilles 1; Caen 2 Lille 3; Lens 3 Monaco 3; Lyons 1 St Etienne 0; Martigues 3 Le Havre 0; Metz 1 Toulouse 0; Montpellier 4 Strasbourg 0, Paris St Germain 1 Nantes 0, Sochaux 2 Bordeaux 2
GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayern Munich 4 Kaiserslautern 0, Werder Bremen 2 Bayer Leverkusen 2; Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Wattenscheid 0; VfB Stuttgart 3 Schalke 0; Cologne 4 Hamburg SV 2; MSV Duisburg 1 Nuremberg 0; VfB Leipzig 1 Karlsruhe 0; Borussia Dortmund 3 Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Dynamo Dresden 1 Freiburg 2
ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 2 Torino 1; Foggia 1 Cremonese 1, Juventus 4 Genoa 0; Lazio 2 Udinese 1; Lecce 5 Atalanta 1, Piacenza 1 Napoli 1; Reggiana 0 Roma 0: Sampdoria 3 AC Milan 2.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Famalicão 1, Braga 0, Maritimo 3, P Ferreira 3; Beira Mar 2, Setubal 1, Estoril 1, Belenenses 1; Guimaraes 2, União 0, Farense 4, Gil Vicente 2, Benfica 4, Salgueiros 1: Boavista 2, Sporting 1; Porto 2, Amadora 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Atlético Madrid 4 Barcelona 3, Deportivo de La Coruña 3 Osasuna 1; Valencia 3 Celta 0: Logrones 1 Sporting Gijón 2; Lerida 0 Seville 3; Racing Santander 1 Albacete 1; Real Oviedo 2 Real Zaragoza 1; Athletic Bilbao 3 Real Valladolid 0
Late results on Friday
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Ipswich 0. Norwich 2, Charlton 1.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians 1, Dundalk 0: Drogheda Utd 2, Shelbourne 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's second international

Gt Britain	29 New Zealand	12

Great Britain: Tries: Deveraux (2), Newlove, Offiah, Schofield. Goals: Davies (4). Dropped Goals: Schofield.
New Zealand: Tries: Ropati, Watson. Goals: Botica 2. Att: 16,502

Regal Trophy
First round

Dewsbury	56 West Bowling	10

Dewsbury: Tries: Conway (3), Rombo (2), Bailey, Charles, Delaney, Graham, Rogers. Goals: Conway (7), Agar.
West Bowling: Tries: Sykes, Tordoff. Goals: Peel. Att: 616.

Yesterday

Barrow	54 Leigh Miners W	12

Barrow: Tries: Tranor 3, Atkinson, Eccles, Honey, M Kavanagh, Petcher, Rhodes, Singleton. Goals: M Kavanagh 5, Ruane 2. Leigh Miners Welfare: Tries: Marsh, Woods. Goals: Gilivrand, Shepherd Att: 1,140

Batley	64 Queens	1

Batley: Tries: Moxon 4, Cameron 3, Dyson 2, Brook, Parkinson, Thornton, S Wilson. Goals: Dyson 6.
Queens: Dropped Goals: Lock. Att: 608.

Bramley	17 Woolston	8

Bramley: Tries: Danes, Hall. Goals: Long 4. Dropped Goals: Ashton.
Woolston: Tries: Kelly. Goals: Martin 2 Att: 515.

Carlisle	36 Carcassonne XIII	24

Carlisle: Tries: Knox 2, Williams 2, Berlorti, Blake, Graham. Goals: Richardson 4.
Carcassonne XIII: Tries: Banquet, Bourrell, Coulett, Serge. Goals: Crismanovich 4. Att: 650

Doncaster	62 Mysons	4

Doncaster: Tries: Hall 5, Gascoigne 2, D Evans, Green, Roache, Turner, Zele: Goals: Turner 7
Mysons: 0) 4. Tries: Power Att: 1,000

Highfield	30 Ellenborough	22

Highfield: Tries: Forber 2, C Johnson 2, Denning. Goals: C Johnson 5 Ellenborough: Tries: Dempsey, Llewellyn, MacGee, McNally. Goals: McNally 2, MacGee. Att: 219.

Huddersfield	36 Irlam Hornets	8

Huddersfield: Tries: Thomas 2, Blacker, Flanagan, King, Naidole, Pickles Goals: Helliwell 2, Pearce 2
Irlam Hornets: Tries: Hughes. Goals: Shovelton. Dropped Goals: Marsh 2. Att: 1,705.

Hunslet	30 Chorley	19

Hunslet: Tries: Z Burrow 2, Bartliff, Clarke, Kibe, R Sampson. Goals: Precious 3
Chorley: Tries: Briscoe, Duffy, Price Goals: Smith 3 Dropped Goals: Price Att: 400.

Keighley	72 Nottingham City	12

Keighley: Tries: Wasyliw 4, Austin 3, Pinkney 2, Dixon, A Eyres, Moses, Race. Goals: Wasyliw 10.
Nottingham City: Tries: Apeipora, Johnson, Oates. Att: 2,283.

Lond Crusaders	48 St Estève XIII	16

London Crusaders: Tries: Carter 2, Johnson 2, Riley 2, Ekoku, Michalski. Goals: Gallagher 8
St Estève XIII: Tries: Bourneville, Cartier, Marshall. Goals: Cervello 2. Att: 965.

Rochdale	80 Blackpool	10

Rochdale: Tries: Eccles 3, Gibson 2, Turner 2, Warburton 2, Chrimes, J Green, Marriott, O'Keefe, Pachniuk. Goals: Turner 12.
Blackpool: Tries: Freeman, Sweeney. Goals: Freeman. Att: 739.

Ryedale York	66 H Hempstead	14

Ryedale York: Tries: Sharp 3, Deakin 2, Hutchinson 2, Close, Kettlestring, Laws, S Pryce, Sullivan. Goals: Sullivan 9.
Hemel Hempstead: Tries: Marvin 2, Tate. Goals: Marvin. Att: 835.

Swinton	24 Saddleworth	13

Swinton: Tries: T Barrow, Kennett, Lord, O'Brien, Welsby. Goals: Gartland 2
Saddleworth: Tries: Greenwood, Wild. Goals: Whitehead 2. Dropped Goals: Whitehead. Att: 468.

Whitehaven	48 Egremont	0

Whitehaven: Tries: Tyrer 3, Fisher 2, Friend, Gribbin, Lewthwaite, D Lightfoot, Routledge. Goals: S Maguire 3
Egremont: Att: 1,166.

Workington	74 Wigan St Patricks	6

Workington: Tries: Mulligan 3, Cocker 2, Hepi 2, Kay 2, Kitchin 2, Wane 2, Drummond. Goals: Kitchin 9.
Wigan St Patricks: Tries: Cottam Goals: Dickinson Att: 1,484.

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Bradford	44 Salford	24

Bradford: Tries: Watson 2, Clark, Dixon, Kebbie, Newlove, Shelford, Summers, Winterburn. Goals: Fox 4
Salford: Tries: Critchley 2, Burgess, Evans Goals: Blakeley 4 Att: 5,538.

Castleford	46 Wigan	0

Castleford: Tries: Ellis 3, Middleton 2, Anderson, Blackmore, Ford. Goals: Crooks 7.
Wigan: Att: 7,739

Hull K R	18 Halifax	28

Hull K R: Tries: Bibby, Clark, Parker. Goals: M Fletcher 3
Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Divorty, Hallas, Lord, Preston Goals: Bishop 4. Att: 4,240

Sheffield	18 Hull	15

Sheffield: Tries: Aston, Gamson, Stott Goals: Aston 2 Dropped Goals: Lumb 2.
Hull: Tries: Gay, McNamara Goals: Eastwood 3 Dropped Goals: McNamara. Att: 3,205.

Wakefield	22 Oldham	21

Wakefield: Tries: Forshaw, Goddard, Hanlon, Mason, Spencer. Goals: Goddard
Oldham: Tries: Ranson 2, Lindner. Goals: Topping 4 Dropped Goals: Kerry. Att: 3,829.

Widnes	24 Featherstone	12

Widnes: Tries: Faimalo, Howe, D Hulme, P Hulme. Goals: Devereux 4.
Featherstone: Tries: Gibson, Simpson. Goals: Pearson 2 Att: 4,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	9	8	0	1	281	160	16
Wigan	9	7	0	2	335	161	14
Warrington	9	7	0	2	184	133	14
Castleford	9	6	1	2	248	116	13
Halifax	9	6	1	2	220	154	13
St Helens	8	5	0	3	196	126	10
Sheffield	9	4	1	4	180	206	9
Featherstone	9	4	1	4	183	216	9
Widnes	9	4	0	5	147	188	8
Leeds	8	3	1	4	168	157	7
Oldham	9	3	0	6	174	154	6
Hull	9	2	2	5	129	164	6
Wakefield	9	3	0	6	134	210	6
Hull K R	9	3	0	6	152	252	6
Salford	9	2	0	7	140	241	4
Leigh	9	0	1	8	117	250	1

GOLF

SAN FRANCISCO: US PGA Tour championship: Third round (US unless stated): 205: D Frost (SA), 68, 68, 69. 207: G Norman (Aus), 72, 67, 68 208: J Huston, 72, 68, 68; R Fehr, 69, 69, 70; S Simpson, 68, 70, 70; J Gallagher, 63, 73, 72. 209: T Kite, 69, 68, 72. 211: D Edwards, 71, 72, 68; C Beck, 71, 70, 70; J Haas, 70, 69, 72. 212: G Morgan, 70, 71, 71, F Allem (SA), 69, 72, 71
AMI, Japan: Women's international match; US LPGA 23, Japan 9 (British results: P Johnson bt N Yoshikawa, 73-75, L Davies bt M Hirase, 67-76).

NETBALL

SHEFFIELD: PPP International match: England 40, Trinidad and Tobago 36 (England lead series 2-0).

HOCKEY

Men
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Second round: East: Crostyx 2 Luton Town 0; Chelmsford 2 Ipswich 4 (aet); Brigg 0 Blueharts 1; Norwich City 2 Felixstowe 0; Dereham 2 Halifax 1. Midlands: Worcester Norton 2 West Bridgford 3; Bridgnorth 1 Belper 1 (Bridgnorth won 4-2 on penalty strokes): Bloxwich 4 Nottingham 3: Hampton-in-Arden 0 Notts Gregory 1. North: Ben Rhydding 1 Harrogate 4; Hightown-Northern 3 Springfields 1; Timperley 3 Sheffield Bankers 2; York 3 Alderley Edge 0; Blackburn 2 Formby 6. South: Cheam 0 Camberley 3; Lyons 2 Maidenhead 3; Gravesend 1 Old Kingstonians 3; Old Williamsonians 0 Chichester 1, Hampstead and Westminster 1 Mid Sussex 0; Old Whitgiftians 4 Oxford Hawks 6; City of Portsmouth 4 Epsom 0; Purley 1 High Wycombe 0: Gorecort 2 Fareham 1; Richings Park 3 Adjutant General's Pay Corps 1. West: West Wilts 3 Exeter University 2, USHC Plymouth 0 Hereford 1, Yeovil and Sherborne 0 West Gloucestershire 0 (West Gloucester won 3-1 on penalty strokes). Clevedon 0 Coventry and North Warwickshire 2.
PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Southgate 1 Reading 0; Teddington 1 Slough 0, Bournville 4 Trojans 0; Bromley 2 Indian Gymkhana 1; Cannock 0 Stourport 0: Canterbury 0 Welton 1; Firebrands 1 East Grinstead 0; Havant 5 Old Loughtonians 6; Hounslow 4 St Albans 0. Second division: Barford Tigers 3 Isca 1; Beeston 3 Harleston Magpies 1, Brooklands 2 Gloucester City 1; Cambridge City 1 Richmond 2; Cheltenham 2 Doncaster 3; Edgbaston 3 Oxford Unviersity 2; Sheffield 4 Harborne 0, Surbiton 3 Guildford 1. Warrington 3 Neston 1.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Bluehearts 3, Old Southendians 3; Colchester 3, Bedford 0; Dereham 3, Pelicans 0, Ipswich 5, Welwyn Garden City 0, Luton 4, Stevenage 3, Peterborough 2, Bishop's Stortford 2; Redbridge and Ilford 3, Cambridge University 1; Westcliff 0, Chelmsford 0
ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Bloxwich 2, Worcester Norton 1, Hampton in Arden 2, Finchfield 1, Khalsa 1, Coventry and North Warwickshire 1, Lichfield 0, Belper 0; Olton and West Warwickshire 2, Leicester Westleigh 2.
NASTRO AZZURRO SOUTH LEAGUE: Chichester 0, Fareham 1; Hampstead and Westminster 1, Old Kingstonians 0, Hendon 0, City of Portsmouth 1; High Wycombe 0, Oxford Hawks 1; Lyons 1, Maidenhead 1; Mid Sussex 2, Spencer 1; Old Walcountians 2, Winchester 1; Staines 1, Anchorians 4; Tulse Hill 0, Gore Court 4; Wimbledon 1, Dulwich 1.
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH LEAGUE: Alderley Edge 2, York 1; Blackburn 0, Norton 1, Formby 3, Timperley 0; Hightown-Northern 1, Ben Rhydding 2; Southport 1, Durham University 0.
Women
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hightown 2, Sutton Coldfield 0.
WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Newtown 5, Cwmbran 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: New York Islanders 4; Tampa Bay 2; Los Angeles 4: Winnipeg 3 (OT), Buffalo 6; Edmonton 3; Washington 5; Anaheim 2. Saturday: New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 3: St Louis 2, Boston 1; Florida 2, Tampa Bay 1 (OT); New York Rangers 4, Hartford 1, Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 3, Detroit 5, Quebec 3, Calgary 4, Edmonton 1; Ottawa 5, Dallas 4 (OT); Montreal 5, Toronto 2; Buffalo 6, Vancouver 3; Washington 4, San Jose 2

ICE SKATING

HAMAR, Norway: Piruetten competition (final positions). Women: 1, N Kerrigan (US), 2.0; 2, J Chouinard (Can), 3.5, 3, Lu Chen (China), 5.0; 4, S Bonaly (Fr), 8.0. Ice dance: 1, S Rahkamo and P Kokko (Fin), 2.0; 2, K Mrazova and M Simecek (Cz), 5.0; 3, Y Kustarova and O Ovsjannikov (Russ), 5.0.

RUGBY UNION

THE HAGUE: World Cup: Qualifying matches: Group A: Sweden 26, Israel 10. Holland 42, Czech Republic 6

SKIING

SÖLDEN, Austria: World Cup: Men: Giant slalom: 1, F Piccard (Fr), 1min 56 32sec; 2, F Nyberg (Swe), 1:56 44; 3, K Aamodt (Nor), 1.56 56, 4, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:56.58; 5, G Mader (Austria), 1:56 98; 6, M von Grünigen (Switz), 1:57.18, 7, M Belfrond (It), 1:57.25, 8, B Gstrein (Austria), 1:57 71; 9, R Salzgeber (Austria), 1:57.86, 10, S Locher (Switz), 1:57 88.
Women: Giant slalom: 1, A Wachter (Austria), 2min 14.57sec; 2, S Lefrance (Fr), 2:17.20; 3, C Merle (Fr), 2:17 51; 4, V Snelder (Switz), 2:17 58, 5, S Panzanini (It), 2:17.71; 6, K Seizinger (Ger), 2:17.98; 7, A Berge (Nor), 2:18.10; 8, U Maier (Austria), 2:18.35, 9, M Kjoerstad (Nor), 2:18.41; 10, S Eder (Austria), 2:18.73

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Coventry 60, Bradford 48; King's Lynn 64, Ipswich 44.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt S Edberg (Swe), 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, M Rosset (Switz) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-4, 7-6. Semi-finals: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M Washington (US), 6-2, 6-1; Stich bt Rosset, 6-4, 7-6. Final: Stich bt Ivanisevic, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-2. Doubles: Final: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt G Muller and D Visser (SA), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.
BREST, France: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J Stark (US) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 7-5, 5-7, 7-6, G Raoux (Fr) bt P Rafter (Aus), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
SANTIAGO, Chile: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Frana (Arg) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt R Furlan (It), 7-5, 7-6; E Sánchez (Sp) bt A Costa (Sp), 6-3, 7-6; M Filippini (Uru) bt J Burillo (Sp), 6-4, 7-6. Semi-final: Sánchez (Sp) bt Yzaga, 6-1, 6-7, 7-5.
ESSEN: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz), 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; C Martinez (Sp) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Martinez bt Appelmans, 6-3, 7-5. Final: Medvedeva bt Martinez, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4
SHEFFIELD: Reebok Tour: Finals: Men: M Maclagan (Scot) bt D Sapsford (Eng), 7-5, 7-6. Women: E Nortge (Nam) bt L Jelfs (Eng), 7-5, 6-3.

TRIATHLON

HAWAII: Ironman: Men: 1, M Allen (US), 8hr 7min 45sec; 2, P Kiuru (Fin), 8:14:27; 3, W Dittrich (Ger), 8:20:13; 4, K Glah (US), 8:24·01. Women: 1, P Newby-Fraser (Zim), 8 58:23; 2, E Baker (NZ), 9:08·04; 3, S Larsen (US), 9:20:40, 4, K Smyers (US), 9:21·12.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women's first division: Wessex 0, Sale 3; Guildford 0, Leeds 3; Dynamo London 2, Britannia Music City 3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
West Ham v Manchester City (8 0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
Third division
Doncaster v Scunthorpe

The Drinkwise Cup
Second round
Kidderminster v Stafford (7.45)

FA CHALLENGE VASE: First-round replays: Sheffield v Ossett Albion, Clitheroe v Bacup Borough.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Wivenhoe v Enfield. Cup: First Round: Ruislip Manor v Harrow Borough. Third division: Tring Town v Flackwell Heath
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Curzon Ashton v Congleton Town, Worksop Town v Alfreton Town Challenge Cup: Ashton Utd v Goole Town.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: SheffieldUtd v Aston Villa (7.0): Sunderland v Manchester Utd (7 0). Second division: Preston v Mansfield.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Millwall (7.0); Watford v Bristol City

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Bristol v SA Barbarians (7 15)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Volkswagen national championships (Telford).

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RACING RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good

1.10 (1m) 1, Once More For Luck (K Fallon, 9-1), 2, Sheriff (8-1); 3, Chantry Beath (12-1); 4, Kooncona Lady (14-1). Herr Trigger 5-1 fav. 22 ran. NR: Killing Time, Sweet Caroline, Nun-Tora. 4l, 3½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5 70; £1.70, £2.10, £4.00, £4 80. DF £22 40. CSF £85.99 Tricast: £838.64.

1.40 (1m 2f) 1, Double Trigger (J Weaver, 3-1), 2, Barbaroja (5-2 fav), 3, Brentwood (8-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £3 70, £1.80, £1.50, £2 00. DF: £2.80. Trio £12 70. CSF: £10 43

2.10 (1m) 1, Mellottie (J Lowe, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Fraam (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Garden Of Heaven (12-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3 70. £1 80, £1 70, £2.10. DF: £5 30. Trio: £23 70. CSF. £11 17.

2.45 (7f) 1, Dumaani (W Carson, 3-1), 2, Mithl Al Hawa (2-1 fav); 3, Lacerta (3-1). 6 ran. 2½l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £8.59.

3.15 (1m) 1, Cambara (M Roberts, 16-1), 2, Shintillo (4-1 fav); 3, Sand Table (12-1); 4, Hob Green (16-1). 30 ran. Sh hd, hd. M Stoute. Tote: £16.80; £4.10, £2.20, £3.00, £4.60. DF: £46.80. Trio: £293.20. CSF: £78.51. Tricast: £781 59

3.50 (7f) 1, Crazy For You (T Quinn, 12-1); 2, Interim (7-2 jt-fav), 3, Lady Valensina (33-1). Red October 7-2 jt-fav. 18 ran. 2½l, 2l. M Channon. Tote: £9 80; £2 10, £1 90, £12 40. DF: £10.70. CSF: £53 98

4.20 (7f) 1, Rise Up Singing (Pat Eddery, 4-1 fav), 2, Euro Festival (16-1), 3, Great Hall (10-1), 4, Lady Sabo (33-1). 28 ran. 2l, ¾l. W Musson. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £3.30, £4.40, £13.10. DF: £79.40. Trio: £783.10. CSF: £68.01. Tricast: £572.37

Jackpot: not won (pool of £22,794.49 carried forward to Doncaster on Thursday). Placepot: £32.70.

Ascot

12.55 1, Bas De Laine (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Nahar (5-2 jt-fav); 3, High Altitude (3-1). 6 ran

1.30 1, Moshaajir (14-1). 2, Marco Magnifico (8-11 fav); 3, Monaya (13-2). 9 ran. NR: Stay With Me Baby.

2.05 1, Ghia Gneuiagh (10-1); 2, Gandouge Glen (11-4). 3, The Glow (2-1 fav). 9 ran.

2.35 1, Storm Alert (9-4 jt-fav), 2, Young Snugfit (13-2); 3, Setter Country (16-1). Billy Bathgate 9-4 jt-fav. 6 ran.

3.05 1, Texan Tycoon (5-2 fav), 2, Large Action (7-2); 3, High Mind (14-1). 15 ran. NR: Mellon Pride.

3.35 1, Latent Talent (9-2), 2, Springaleak (9-4 fav); 3, Topsham Bay (16-1). 7 ran.

4.10 1, Sunset And Vine (7-2), 2, Change The Act (11-8 fav), 3, Big Beat (9-4). 4 ran

Newcastle

1.35 1, Cicerone (16-1); 2, Roar On Tour (9-1); 3, Mam'zelle Angot (8-1); 4, Mustn't Grumble (6-1 fav). 19 ran.

2.05 1, Moving Arrow (1-2 fav). 2, Launchselect (14-1); 3, Sanyda (9-4). 7 ran.

2.35 1, Dangerous Shadow (11-8 fav; Richard Evans's nap): 2, Wixi (8-1); 3, Oriental Air (6-1). 7 ran

3.05 1, Biloela (7-2); 2, Surrey Dancer (3-1 fav); 3, Cutthroat Kid (20-1). 12 ran.

3.35 1, Response (9-1); 2, Memorable (7-4 fav); 3, Miss Freebie (6-1). 16 ran.

4.05 1, Flowing Ocean (6-4 fav), 2, Queens Consul (12-1); 3, Tribeca (7-2). 9 ran.

Warwick

1.15 1, Buglet (3-1 fav); 2, Destiny Calls (12-1); 3, Soloman Springs (10-1). 21 ran

1.50 1, The Slater (2-1 fav); 2, Hearts Are Wild (11-1); 3, L'Uomo Piu (7-1). 12 ran. NR: Evening Rain.

2.20 1, Act Of Parliament (7-4); 2, River Mandate (11-8 fav), 3, Monksander (50-1). 14 ran.

2.50 1, Crystal Spirit (4-9 fav), 2, Rich And Red (8-1); 3, Di Moda (33-1). 4 ran.

3.25 1, Smith Too (12-1), 2, Midfielder (5-2); 3, Jeassu (9-2). Canoscan 2-1 fav. 11 ran.

4.00 1, Parsons Green (9-4 fav), 2, Vindian (5-1); 3, Knight Oil (5-2). 5 ran. NR: Do Be Brief.

4.30 1, Nirvana Prince (8-1); 2, Black Opal (4-1 fav), 3, Bass Rock (9-2). 23 ran. NR: Celtic Emerald

Wetherby

12.50 1, Durham Sunset (33-1), 2, Another Nick (14-1), 3, Shoofe (5-2). Royal Vacation 9-4 fav. 9 ran.

1.25 1, Ushers Island (12-1); 2, Dawson City (7-2), 3, Southern Minstrel (13-2). Sir Peter Lely 13-8 fav. 6 ran. NR: Pinemartin.

1.55 1, Deb's Ball (9-1); 2, Sweet Duke (4-1); 3, Burgoyne (2-1 fav). 6 ran.

2.25 1, Barton Bank (12-1); 2, Cab On Target (2-1 fav); 3, Garrison Savannah (6-1). 7 ran.

2.55 1, Burnt Imp (5-2); 2, Marros Mill (3-1); 3, La Villa Rose (14-1). Erzadjan 13-8 fav. 7 ran.

3.30 1, Brackenfield (10-11 fav); 2, Arthur's Minstrel (4-1); 3, Veleda II (11-1). 7 ran.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME:
Southwell: 3.20 Flora Lady. 3.50 Splash Of Salt.

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Drum Taps to put up bold show

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

THE ripple of hope which has accompanied Drum Taps and Vintage Crop to Australia was building up into a current of confidence last night as the two European horses successfully completed their final preparations for the Melbourne Cup tomorrow.

The historic attempt to win Australia's most important race with horses from the northern hemisphere has captured the imagination of a sports-mad nation which will come to a standstill when the stalls open at Flemington racecourse for the world's richest handicap.

When the idea was first mooted of sending two of Europe's leading stayers on the 10,500-mile journey to Melbourne it was virtually regarded as a publicity stunt. Even after arriving here three weeks ago the duo were still regarded as 33-1 shots. Slowly it has dawned on the racing public that these two group one invaders have a real chance of success.

Should one of them win the A$2 million race (£905,000), or even go close, it will have a considerable impact on international racing. The Melbourne Cup will grow in stature, while European trainers will be encouraged to send more horses here.

A victory for Drum Taps or Vintage Crop, neither of whom have run since they clashed in the Irish St Leger on September 18, would also make Australians think long and hard about their training methods. It is not traditional to run horses in staying races here after a long lay-off. Indeed, 17 of the last 20 Melbourne Cup winners have run on the Saturday prior to the near two-mile race.

On these occasions it is easy to get carried away. Repeated Breeders' Cup whitewashes and disasters have shown a combination of travel, climate and racing conditions can scupper the highest British hopes.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: IN THE MONEY
(3.00 Newcastle)

Next best: Spice And Sugar
(1.30 Newcastle)

Without wishing to raise expectations unrealistically, there are sound reasons for expecting a bold display from Vintage Crop and, in particular, Drum Taps. If one could be confident that the 30-hour flight and changed surroundings have not left their mark on the pair, it could be said they have an excellent chance at the weights.

Drum Taps, the dual Ascot Gold Cup winner, appears to have acclimatised well, has been working soundly and has delighted Lord Huntingdon, his trainer. "Everything has gone according to plan and I am pleased with the horse. I just hope we get some luck in running," the West Ilsley trainer said yesterday.

Drum Taps had a gentle canter yesterday while Vintage Crop, who came out best in their Irish encounter, worked over a mile at Sandown racecourse and gave some encouragement to Dermot Weld.

"He has improved a lot in the past 48 hours and he is definitely coming right. Ideally, I would have preferred another week before the race but I am much happier than I was mid-week," the trainer said.

It will be disappointing if Drum Taps is out of the first four, provided the race is run at a strong pace to bring his stamina into play. However, the last top weight to win the Cup was Comic Court in 1950.

The Mackinnon Stakes, run at Flemington on Saturday, has traditionally been an accurate pointer to finding the Cup winner and The Phantom, an eight-year-old with a history of leg trouble, was promoted to joint favouritism after running out an impressive three-length winner from the Caulfield Cup victor and former Tom Jones-trained Fraar.

However, Our Pompeii, trained in a traditional British style by George Hanlon, looked to have a perfect prep race when finishing fourth. He could pose the biggest threat to the European challenge.



Vintage Crop has a gentle canter before the big handicap

MELBOURNE TOMORROW

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

5.20am FOSTER'S MELBOURNE CUP
(Group I: handicap: £590,909: 2m) (24 runners)

1 (10) 2-1155 DRUM TAPS Lord Huntingdon (GB) 8-9-3 — L Dettori
2 (11) 00500 SUBZERO D Freedman 5-8-3 — G Hall
3 (6) 03000 CASTLETOWN P Busuttin (NZ) 7-8-13 — N Harris
4 (21) 60012 FRAAR D Hayes 6-8-11 — D Gauci
5 (15) 50068 TE AKAU NICK Ms G Waterhouse 5-8-11 — R Vance
6 (5) 16121 VINTAGE CROP D Weld (Ire) 7-8-10 — M Kinane
7 (1) 61200 AZZAAM D Hayes 7-8-9 — L Cassidy
8 (19) 13231 THE PHANTOM N Eales (NZ) 8-8-9 — J Cassidy
9 (18) 44744 OUR POMPEII G Hanlon 4-8-8 — L Dittman
10 (2) 06000 MERCATOR R B Dowling 7-8-7 — C Johnson
11 (9) 03002 AIR SEATTLE C Connors 4-8-5 — S Dye
12 (4) 14150 SILK ALI R Thomsen 5-8-5 — G Cooksley
13 (22) 06200 CAVALLIERI L Laxon (NZ) 5-8-4 — K Moses
14 (7) 36000 FIELD OFFICER G Hanlon 4-8-4 — T Jackman
15 (3) 00551 TENNESSEE JACK B Cummings 5-8-4 — D Oliver
16 (13) 04304 FRONTIER BOY B Cummings 7-8-2 — D Beadman
17 (14) 00410 ULTIMATE AIM C Jillings (NZ) 6-8-2 — P Payne
18 (8) 00000 DANCING LORD M Pearson 7-8-0 — H White
19 (23) 03000 SLIGHT CHANCE R Thomsen 4-7-13 — J Marshall
20 (12) 24404 YOUNG PIRATE D Macnab 6-7-13 — A Matthews
21 (17) 02252 MARAAKIZ D Hayes 6-7-12 — M Clarke
22 (24) 00005 OUR TRISTALIGHT B Cummings 4-7-12 — G Childs
23 (20) 24100 GREAT VINTAGE B Cummings 4-7-11 — S R King
24 (16) 35200 DIAMOND BASES A Vasil 5-7-8 — B Clements

BETTING: 9-2 The Phantom, 5-1 Our Pompeii, 7-1 Great Vintage, 8-1 Air Seattle, 10-1 Vintage Crop, Tennessee Jack, 12-1 Drum Taps, 14-1 Silk Ali, 16-1 Subzero, Cavallieri, 20-1 Azzaam, Fraar, Our Tristalight, 25-1 Castletown, Maraakiz, 33-1 Mercator, Ultimate Aim, 40-1 others.

Valuable marketing lessons to be learned from Australia

Lee Richardson starts his new job today as the British Horseracing Board's marketing director, taking up office at Portman Square. His first day, however, would be better spent on the other side of the world. Australia should be the focus of his attentions, not the race meetings at Newcastle, Southwell or Plumpton.

In the space of 48 hours Richardson would learn more about how racing can be made attractive and enjoyable than he will discover by trawling round hidebound Ascot and Newmarket. The value obtained from money spent on a return air ticket to Melbourne would far outweigh that obtained from expensive surveys or marketing analysis he may wish to initiate as he contemplates how to improve racing's image and sell the sport to the British public.

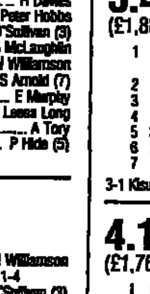
If he doesn't believe me, he should ask Lord Hartington, the BHB chairman, who is in Australia. If he cannot wait that long, he should telephone Lord Zetland, one of the board members, who was at the Melbourne Cup last year.

When Zetland spoke about the state of British racing at a couple of Cup functions, he inspired a quote from Bart Cummings, the trainer of nine Cup winners, which now enjoys a place in Australian racing folklore. "Jeez, we gave those Poms a 200-year start. Now we are 100 years ahead of them."

Cummings was hardly exaggerating and he was not referring just to the Australian betting system, which is the best in the world. The off-course tote monopoly ensures sufficient funding for the sport, while on-course bookmakers not only add much-needed colour and atmosphere, absent in countries like France and the United States, but also offer real choice to punters who visit the racecourse.

Go racing in Melbourne during the Cup carnival and you will experience a vibrancy which is sadly lacking at Royal Ascot, the Newmarket July meeting, Epsom and too many other big fixtures. It is a carnival where people from all backgrounds and ages enjoy themselves, not hindered by stuffy regulation.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

There is a subtle difference between racing in Australia and Britain. In Australia racing is a crucial part of the social and sporting diet. If you cannot hold your own talking about Australian rules football, cricket or racing you are considered a bit of a wimp.

Even so, there are valuable lessons to be learnt from the way racing is run and promoted, with the emphasis on the paying customer. Breakfast at Flemington racecourse last Thursday attracted 5,000 people. A free breakfast was provided, courtesy of the racing industry-owned local radio station, 3UZ, as people watched racecourse workouts by leading Victoria Derby and Melbourne Cup fancies, and then heard top jockeys and trainers being interviewed.

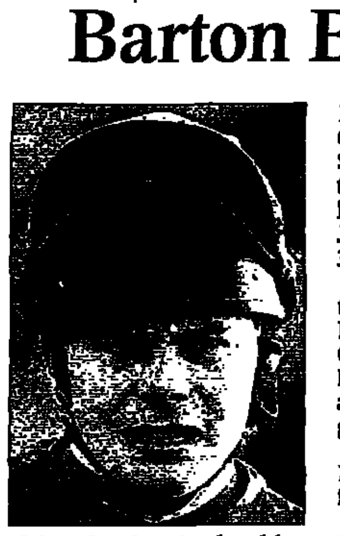
Surely, there is scope for something similar prior to the Derby and the Grand National?

It may be too soon for the racing industry in Britain to buy local radio stations to promote the sport (most states in Australia have one), but it will cost little to introduce the idea of "phantom calls" to British racing. One of the highlights of functions leading up to the big races involves the Australian equivalent of Peter O'Sullevan or Graham Goode looking into their crystal ball and producing a realistic commentary of the following day's race, which includes naming the winner. They are a must for British racing.

And then there is the parade of champions, the focus on fashion, attracting so many women and younger people to the races, and . . .

If Lee Richardson wants to see how British racing could gain in popularity, he should see Tristram Ricketts soon and book tickets for next year's Melbourne Cup carnival. Who knows, he may even wish to accompany him.

Barton Bank crowns 5,745-1 treble for Maguire



Maguire: inspired treble

BARTON Bank's brave victory in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby on Saturday completed an inspired 5,745-1 treble for Adrian Maguire, who had landed the first two races on the Howard Johnson-trained pair, Durham Sunset, a 33-1 chance, and Ushers Island.

In the big race, the David Nicholson-trained chaser, a 12-1 chance, made all to hold off the strong late challenge of Cab On Target by two lengths, but his task had been made easier by Jodami falling at the fourth fence from home when going well in second place.

Despite that mishap, Jodami had his 1994 Cheltenham Gold Cup odds cut from 4-1 to 11-4 by William Hill.

While clearly delighted with Barton Bank's success, Nicholson chose the occasion to criticise Britain's race planners.

"It's a pretty poor show that there are so few opportunities for second-season chasers that we have to take on two Gold Cup winners," he said. "But Barton Bank has always had plenty of ability and he should have gone through last season unbeaten.

"He won four of his six chases, fell when going easily at Kempton, and was pulled up at the Cheltenham festival after breaking a blood vessel. "That last mishap was the trainer's fault — I shouldn't have run him at the big meeting because he had gone over the top."

Nicholson now has the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day as Barton Bank's chief mid-winter target. He said: "I haven't a clue where I will send him next. It depends what crops up in the meantime." He added: "I don't want to take anything away from Cab On Target, who ran a fantastic race. They are two fine young steeplechasers on their way to the top."

Jodami's trainer, Peter Beaumont, was philosophical about his charge's fall. "Our horse was going as well as anything," he said. "He made just one careless mistake and paid the penalty."

William Hill's revised betting on the Gold Cup is: 11-4 Jodami, 8-1 Cab On Target, 10-1 The Fellow, 12-1 Barton Bank, 14-1 Carvill's Hill, 25-1 bar. Ladbrokes offer: 5-1 Jodami, 6-1 Cab On Target, 10-1 Barton Bank.

Sunshack has easy victory

BRITISH hopefuls, Blaaziing Joe and Village Eagle, finished sixth and last respectively behind Khaled Abdulla's duo, Sunshack and Zindari, in the seven-runner group one Criterium de Saint-Cloud yesterday.

Pat Eddery set the pace on Zindari, but the combination had no response to the late burst of Thierry Jarnet and Sunshack who came clear for a four-length victory.

The John Gosden-trained Felawnah was strongly fancied for the group three Prix de Flore over an extended ten furlongs. But Willie Carson's mount finished only sixth behind Oxava.

☐ Kingmambo, who is coughing, will miss the Breeders' Cup meeting, allowing John Gosden's Catrail to run in the Mile and Monde Bleu to compete in the Sprint.

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	174	171	145	3	-121.56
J Berry	131	115	96	3	-70.77
J Gosden	105	62	47	1	+76.28
H Cecil	93	63	60	3	-8.68
J Dunlop	91	70	67	1	-13.67
Mrs M Reveley	81	69	66	1	-88.36
M Johnston	71	88	57	1	-102.60

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	169	131	83	0	-59.61
K Darley	137	128	105	1	-132.38
L Dettori	135	116	113	3	-52.36
M Roberts	114	94	109	1	-116.42
T Quinn	114	108	97	0	-105.94
W Carson	112	90	118	2	-207.93
G Duffield	111	88	100	26	-121.66

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NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

1.30 Blakes Beau — 3.00 IN THE MONEY (nap)
2.00 Lord President — 3.30 Milngavie
2.30 Mr Confusion — 4.00 Killy's Rayna

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 TOCCO JEWEL (nap). 3.00 Westfield Moves. 4.00 Desert Invader.

GOING: SOFT — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.30 THE PIRATE CLAIMING HANDICAP (£2,959: 1m) (20 runners)

1 (8) 603000 ARABAT 38 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Wane) M Wane 6-10-0 — J Weaver 90
2 (14) 140364 ACROSS THE BAY 16 (F,G,S) (T Barron) T Barron 6-10-0 — J Fortune 90
3 (9) 400005 RESOLUTE BAY 7 (C,F,G) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 7-9-12 — A Culhane 98
4 (2) 620403 DEAD CALM 10 (V,S) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 3-9-6 — W Ryan 93
5 (5) 630060 SPICE AND SUGAR 34 (B,C,S) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 3-9-4 — A Munro 97
6 (4) 008060 DOCTOR-J 25J (J Morris) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-1 — J Carroll 95
7 (3) 556000 PUBLIC WAY 2 (G) (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 3-8-13 — M Fenton (3) 90
8 (1) 540020 MALCESINE 7 (D,F) (F Cundiffe) J H Wilson 4-8-13 — Darren Moffatt (5) 90
9 (13) 330365 VANART 42 (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-8-13 — S Webster 90
10 (11) 000025 BLAKES BEAU 19J (BF) (G Leatham) M H Easterby 3-8-13 — M Birch 89
11 (18) 000000 SHANNON EXPRESS 18 (V,D,F,G,S) (R Cottam) E Alston 6-8-12 — K Fallon 91
12 (19) 556000 SAMANTHAS JOY 28 (T Marshall) A Potts 3-8-10 — C Hodgson (3) 81
13 (12) 2560-08 PANIC BUTTON 42 (T Easterby) M H Easterby 3-8-9 — J Quinn 92
14 (6) 200550 HALL BANK COTTAGE 7 (F Le Fleming) M Johnston 3-8-9 — F Norton 94
15 (10) 060050 FOOLISH TOUCH 7 (D,F,G,S) W Musson 11-8-8 — D McCabe (5) 86
16 (7) 030630 MARY MACBLAIN 23 (D Jackson) J Harris 4-8-4 — D Wright (5) 87
17 (20) 603055 MISS OFFIE 44 (Mrs A Wood) R Hollinshead 3-8-4 — A Garth (5) 89
18 (15) 014000 SIE AMATO 44 (D,G) (Red Rose Partnership) J H Wilson 4-8-3 — J Fanning 98
19 (16) 000451 TOCCO JEWEL 7 (D,S) (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 3-8-3 — M Baird (7) 99
20 (17) 435000 PAULINUS 45 (D Smith) Denys Smith 5-8-1 — C Teague (7) 89

BETTING: 7-2 Tocco Jewel, 5-1 Across The Bay, 6-1 Hall Bank Cottage, 7-1 Malcesine, 8-1 Dead Calm, Panic Button, Vanart, 10-1 Blakes Beau, Miss Offie, 12-1 Resolute Bay, 16-1 others.

1992: LUCKY NOIRE 4-9-2 K Darley (8-1) G Harwood 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACROSS THE BAY 9¾l 4th of 20 to Champagne Grandy in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to soft). DEAD CALM 1¾l 3rd of 21 to Allinson's Mate in claimer at Doncaster (7f, good). MALCESINE neck 2nd of 21 to Northern Conqueror in selling handicap at Pontefract (1m, good) on penultimate start, with VANART (2lb better off) about ¾l 5th and SHANNON EXPRESS (5lb better off) 24¾l 18th. MARY MACBLAIN about 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Clarification in maiden handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. TOCCO JEWEL beat Formaestre ¾l in 20-runner apprentices' claiming handicap at Leicester (1m, good to soft), with RESOLUTE BAY (same terms) about 1¾l 5th, HALL BANK COTTAGE (same terms) 8¾l 9th, MALCESINE (same terms) 10l 15th and FOOLISH TOUCH (same terms) 6l 19th.
Selection: ACROSS THE BAY

2.00 ANYTHING GOES CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,451: 1m 1f 9yd) (3 runners)

1 (1) TOTAL UP 40J (Total Asset Ltd) T Caldwell 4-9-0 — C Dwyer —
2 (2) 3215- LORD PRESIDENT 416 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-12 — A Munro 99
3 (3) 10 CAMPANA 48 (BF,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-9 — J Carroll 97

BETTING: 4-5 Lord President, 11-10 Campana, 25-1 Total Up.

1992: THE GOOFER 5-9-11 R Cochrane (10-1) A Stringer 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOTAL UP 31¾l 4th of 11 to Three Strong in National Hunt flat race at Perth (1m 5f 110yd, good to firm).
LORD PRESIDENT best effort last season when beating Lacotte 5l in 7-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). CAMPANA 25l 7th of 8 to Forthwith in listed race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). Previously beat Pocket Piece 3l in 13-runner maiden at Newmarket (1m, good).
Selection: LORD PRESIDENT

2.30 HIGH SOCIETY RATED HANDICAP
(£6,496: 1m 2f 32yd) (4 runners)

1 (4) 3210-00 REPORTED 30 (F,S) (F Salisbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-7 — J Carroll 98
2 (3) 412410 LUCKY GUEST 44 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 6-9-4 — W Ryan 98
3 (2) 111-500 MR CONFUSION 37 (D,F,G,S) (R Fenwick-Gibson) M Camacho 5-8-11 — J Fortune 99
4 (1) 151-021 MAJED 12 (D,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-7 — Darren Moffatt (5) 95

Long handicap: Majed 8-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Majed, 9-4 Lucky Guest, 5-2 Mr Confusion, 5-1 Reported.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

REPORTED 39l 31st of 33 to Penny Drops in the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft). LUCKY GUEST beat Lobi 1¼l in 13-runner listed race at Baden Baden (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start.
MR CONFUSION 3½l 7th of 14 to Liadon Lima in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with LUCKY GUEST (3lb worse off) 26½l 14th. MAJED beat Desert Power short-head in 10-runner handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, soft).
Selection: LUCKY GUEST

3.00 SINGING IN THE SADDLE HANDICAP
(£3,201: 1m 4f 93yd) (7 runners)

1 (3) 215010 GREY POWER 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10 — J Fanning 97
2 (6) 315004 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 10 (D,G,S) (Cumbrian Ind Ltd) M H Easterby 3-9-0 — M Birch 94
3 (5) 000361 IN THE MONEY 9 (D,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-8-13 — A Garth (5) 92
4 (4) 400/0/ PRECIOUS BOY 619J (F,S) (M Johnson) M Meagher 7-8-10 — J Fortune —
5 (2) 202203 WESTFIELD MOVES 9 (D,F,G) (A Walkley) H Collingridge 5-8-7 — J Quinn 99
6 (1) 450031 SOBA UP 13 (S) (Mrs M Hills) J Etherington 3-8-1 — A Culhane 98
7 (7) 006200/ MARLINGFORD 178J (Miss J Seaton) Mrs J Jordan 6-7-9 — A Morris —

BETTING: 3-1 In The Money, 4-1 Soba Up, Westfield Moves, 5-1 Grey Power, Cumbrian Rhapsody, 12-1 others.

1992: SUNDERLAND ECHO 3-8-5 Darren Moffatt (3-1 fav) Mrs M Reveley 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREY POWER beat Reach For Glory 3½l in 14-runner apprentices' handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY about 8¾l 4th of 13 to Shujan in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). IN THE MONEY beat Admirals Seat 1½l in 11-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). WESTFIELD MOVES 5l 3rd of 21 to Midyan Blue in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft). SOBA UP beat Lombard Ships 1½l in 12-runner handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, soft).
Selection: SOBA UP

3.30 YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,742: 2m 19yd) (7 runners)

1 (5) 30-6001 HOME FROM THE HILL 6 (G,S) (Capt B Bell) M Bell 9-10 (5ex) — M Fenton (3) 94
2 (2) 344044 MOONLIGHT ECLIPSE 6 (R Smalley) E Alston 8-7 — K Fallon 96
3 (6) 0-54305 ROSMARINO 17 (G Read) C Thornton 8-3 — J Fanning 88
4 (1) 000035 ARC BRIGHT 14 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-3 — A Garth (5) 98
5 (3) 220540 MILNGAVIE 35 (F,S) (A Robertson) M Johnston 8-0 — F Norton 95
6 (4) 000 GECKO ROUGE 17 (Ms T Gunning) J Hills 7-9 — A Munro 81
7 (7) 0-0005 TROY BOY 17 (V) (Lostford Manor Racing) S Norton 7-8 — J Quinn 99

BETTING: 9-4 Home From The Hill, 4-1 Arc Bright, Milngavie, 11-2 Moonlight Eclipse, 8-1 Rosmarino, Troy Boy, 16-1 Gecko Rouge.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HOME FROM THE HILL beat Scorched Air head in rated stakes at Leicester (1m 4f, good to soft). ROSMARINO best recent effort when 3½l 3rd to 7 to Shujan in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft). ARC BRIGHT 5l 3rd of 14 to Chummy's Pal in apprentices' maiden at Catterick on penultimate start, with MOONLIGHT ECLIPSE (4lb worse off) 10l 4th, TROY BOY (9lb better off) 1½l 5th and GECKO ROUGE (3lb better off) 15½l 8th. MILNGAVIE 7l 4th to Kelimutu in handicap at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: HOME FROM THE HILL (nap)

4.00 EBF SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,687: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (4) 5403 ASTRAC 13 (C Titcomb) S Norton 9-0 — K Fallon 92
2 (7) 0 BARRIER BOY 17 (P Green (Huyton)) M Meagher 9-0 — J Fortune —
3 (3) DESERT INVADER (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 — W R Swinburn —
4 (1) 02 KILLY'S RAYNJA 62 (Raymond Kilgour Holdings Ltd) J Berry 9-0 — J Carroll 96
5 (2) 00 TARNSIDE TURBO 16 (Mrs A Lockhart) J Etherington 9-0 — M Birch —
6 (6) FORESTA VERDE (C Booth) C Booth 8-9 — A Culhane —
7 (8) KALOU (Mrs M C Butler) C W C Elsey 8-9 — J Quinn —
8 (5) 56 WILD ROSE OF YORK 18 (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 8-9 — J Weaver 99

BETTING: 9-4 Killy's Raynja, 3-1 Desert Invader, 9-2 Wild Rose Of York, 11-2 Astrac, 10-1 Tarnside Turbo, 20-1 Barrier Boy, Kalou, 25-1 Foresta Verde.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ASTRAC 8l 3rd of 8 to Shalbourne in maiden at Chester (7f 122yd, soft). KILLY'S RAYNJA 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Della Ūna in maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm). FORESTA VERDE (foaled May 7; cost $5,500). Half-sister by Green Forest to numerous winners including the smart miler Tanoema; dam useful French sprinter. KALOU (Jun 9). Half-sister by K-Battery to numerous winners including 7f juvenile winner Kolgong Heights; dam winner over 1m 1f. WILD ROSE OF YORK 14l 6th of 8 to Baby Lowes in maiden at Redcar (7f, soft).
Selection: KILLY'S RAYNJA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Dunlop	8	18	44.4	J Weaver	4	16	25.0
J Gosden	8	20	40.0	W Ryan	11	56	19.6
A Scott	4	12	33.3	J Carroll	21	126	16.7
M Ryan	3	9	33.3	A Munro	6	39	15.4
M Camacho	9	34	26.5	Darren Moffatt	3	20	15.0
J Berry	22	125	17.6	M Birch	21	145	14.5

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

1.40 Gamefull Gold. 2.10 Little Tom. 2.40 Handsome Ned. 3.10 Pardon Me Mum. 3.40 Wickfield Lad. 4.10 Thuhool.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 WICKFIELD LAD.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

1.40 AUTUMN NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,772: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 P BISHOPS TRUTH 13 R Curtis 7-11-0 — D Morris
2 0 COUNT BARACHOIS 11 D Morris 5-11-0 — N Mann
3 /803 DAUPHIN BLEU 16 P Pritchard 7-11-0 — Dr P Pritchard
4 53- DOMINANT FORCE 27F R Hannon 4-11-0 — D Murphy
5 1 GAMEFULL GOLD 13 (C,G) S Dow 4-11-0 — H Davies
6 5 GLENCARRIG GALE 21 D Grissell 5-11-0 — Peter Hobbs
7 P/32 MASNUN 11 R O'Sullivan 8-11-0 — D O'Sullivan (3)
8 060- NAGOBELIA 277 J Pearce 5-11-0 — J McLaughlin
9 -4F0 PRIVATE JET 28 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-0 — N Williamson
10 BLUE TAIL 14F P Butler 5-10-9 — S Arnold (7)
11 HELLEBORUS 480F F O'Mahony 5-10-9 — E Murphy
12 0-P LISSADELL LADY 13 Miss M Long 4-10-9 — Leesa Long
13 0 MAKING TIME 11 G Humphrey 6-10-9 — A Tory
14 P- ROYAL BATTLE 236 Mrs J Bloom 5-10-9 — P Hide (5)

2-1 Masnun, 11-4 Gamefull Gold, 7-2 Dominant Force, 10-1 others.

2.10 RINGMER HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,343: 2m 5f) (7)

1 42F- RICHVILLE 208 (F,S) K Bailey 7-11-13 — N Williamson
2 24F4- HOMME D'AFFAIRE 257 (D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 10-11-4 — D O'Sullivan (3)
3 0-52 LOVE ANEW 14 (D,F,G) M Dixon 8-11-4 — D Murphy
4 1221 LITTLE TOM 13 (CD,F,G,S) J King 8-11-1 — A Maguire
5 2P5- ON YOUR WAY 188 (G,S) Mrs L Jewell 11-10-10 — R Dunwoody
6 3U41/ UNIQUE NEW YORK 802 (V,C,G,S) S Woodman 10-10-5 — H Davies
7 565-4 SMOOTH START 14 (F,G) A James 8-10-0 — D Leahy (5)

2-1 Little Tom, 5-2 Love Anew, 4-1 Richville, 5-1 Homme D'Affaire, 12-1 others.

2.40 BALCOMBE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,646: 2m 1f) (10)

1 1223 MANHATTAN BOY 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-12-0 — R Dunwoody
2 -3203 AT PEACE 23 (F,G) J White 7-10-13 — A Maguire
3 15-P HANDSOME NED 13 (B,CD,G,S) D Grissell 7-10-13 — J Railton
4 22-0 ALOSAILI 16 (D,G) B Stevens 6-10-12 — M Stevens (7)
5 03F6 DON'T FORSAKE ME 9 C Egerton 4-10-0 — J Osborne
6 P0P- SOLENT LAD 173 (D,F,G,S) B Stevens 10-10-0 — W McFarland
7 /600 L'ENCHERE 23 (C,F,G) P McEntee 8-10-0 — Paul McEntee (7)
8 0-55 OH SO HANDY 13 R Curtis 5-10-0 — D Morris
9 P00 GREAT HAND 9 (B) R Rowe 7-10-0 — C Burnett Wells (5)
10 PP-P GOLDEN SICKLE 9 A Coogan 4-10-0 — J Neaves (7)

7-2 Manhattan Boy, 4-1 Handsome Ned, 5-1 At Peace, 6-1 Alosaili, 8-1 Don't Forsake Me, 10-1 Oh So Handy, 12-1 others.

3.10 LEWES NOVICES CHASE
(£1,608: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 030/1 IMPERIAL BRUSH 13 (CD,G,S) J White 9-11-5 — A Maguire
2 3-31 PARDON ME MUM 9 (B,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-5 — N Williamson
3 32-44 THEO'S FELLA 12 (G) G Balding 9-11-0 — S Hodgson
4 0-05 TRAIN ROBBER 10 W McKenzie-Coles 8-11-0 — W Irvine
5 -204 GALLANT EFFORT 21 (G,S) S Dow 5-10-12 — H Davies

5-4 Imperial Brush, 7-4 Pardon Me Mum, 9-2 Gallant Effort, 10-1 others.

3.40 CUCKFIELD HANDICAP CHASE
(£1,882: 2m) (7)

1 143- BELMOREDEAN 72F (D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-11-10 — D O'Sullivan (3)
2 3-52 KISU KALI 21 (D,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-4 — N Williamson
3 14-3 MR FELIX 26 (CD,F,G,S) R Champion 7-11-4 — A Maguire
4 134- FRED SPLENDID 185 (CD,S) R Hodges 10-11-0 — R Dunwoody
5 352P COTAPAXI 17 (D,F) R Hodges 8-10-8 — A Tory
6 2224 STRIDING EDGE 9 (D,F,G) P Howling 8-10-6 — D Murphy
7 P0-1 WICKFIELD LAD 7 (D,S) N Babbage 10-10-1 (6ex) — S Earle

3-1 Kisu Kali, 7-2 Wickfield Lad, 4-1 Fred Splendid, 6-1 Belmoredean, 7-1 others.

4.10 CHAILEY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,764: 2m 4f) (4)

1 60-0 SANTA PONSA BAY 14 (G) Mrs L Jewell 6-11-10 — A Maguire
2 3-60 THUHOOL 13 (G,S) R Rowe 5-11-5 — C Burnett Wells (5)
3 3F6- CAVO GRECO 203 (G) J Joseph 4-10-10 — D Skyrme
4 -130 KALAMOSS 11 (F) N Mitchell 4-10-9 — Miss S Mitchell (7)

7-4 Thuhool, 9-4 Santa Ponsa Bay, 5-2 Kalamoss, 6-1 Cavo Greco.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 6 winners from 10 runners, 60.0%; J King, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J White, 32 from 118, 27.1%; R Champion, 4 from 15, 26.7%; S Dow, 7 from 31, 22.6%; D Grissell, 11 from 51, 21.6%.
JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 6 winners from 14 rides, 42.9%; A Maguire, 31 from 97, 32.0%; E Murphy, 4 from 16, 25.0%; R Dunwoody, 25 from 103, 24.3%; W McFarland, 6 from 25, 24.0%; D Murphy, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.50 Tatika. 1.20 Champagne Ateaster. 1.50 Risky Venture. 2.20 Dream Carrier. 2.50 In A Moment. 3.20 Tempering. 3.50 Mu-Arrik. 4.20 Non Vintage.

GOING: STANDARD — DRAW: LOW BEST — SIS

12.50 CHARLECOTE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,289: 1m) (9 runners)

1 0020 ABLE CHOICE 28 R Armstrong 9-0 — R Price 1
2 0855 BARSAL 131 J Pades 9-0 — D Harrison 6
3 0 CLOVER JACK 6 R Weaver 9-0 — C Rutter 7
4 4600 FLASHFEET 45 B Forsey 9-0 — J Williams 5
5 MIDNIGHT JAZZ W O'Gorman 9-0 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 8
6 5 TATIKA 18 G Wragg 9-0 — Paul Eddery 9
7 00-0 COLFAX STARLIGHT 4 B Rothwell 8-9 — S Wood 2
8 JOYCE E JACKSON R Ingram 8-9 — A McGlone 4
9 00- SCOTTISH TEMPTRESS 401 Mrs A Knight 8-9 — Stephen Davies (3) 3

2-1 Tatika, 3-1 Able Choice, 5-1 Barsal, 6-1 Colfax Starlight, Flashfeet, 8-1 others.

1.20 PENDEFORD OPEN MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,260: 6f) (10)

1 45 FORT KNOX 34 R Armstrong 9-0 — R Price 6
2 05 JUST DUGGIE 16 R Brotherton 9-0 — A Mackay 7
3 00 OLIVER-J 35 R Lee 9-0 — J Williams 9
4 00 TELEPHONE TAP 14 R Hannon 9-0 — W Newnes 2
5 0 ARCTIC SHREWD 27 D Cosgrove 8-9 — M Wigham 4
6 05 CHAMPAGNE ATEASTER 27 S Norton 8-9 — G Duffield 8
7 22 CINNAMON SPRINGS 96 M Tompkins 8-9 — S Mulvey (7) 10
8 00 DAME PROSPECT 103 J Glover 8-9 — S Williams 5
9 0 DARLIN'BUDS OF MAY 6 P Felgate 8-9 — G Hind 3
10 NORDIC MADAM R O'Leary 8-9 — L Charnock 1

9-4 Cinnamon Springs, 7-2 Champagne Ateaster, 9-2 Fort Knox, 6-1 others.

1.50 CHARLECOTE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O: 1m) (8)

1 0- ALBERSTAN 523 R Marvin 9-0 — S Williams 1
2 0005 DANAMORE 82 R Guest 9-0 — D Harrison 3
3 0000 MR JAZZ DANCER 51 D Wintle 9-0 — M Wigham 8
4 0 RISKY VENTURE 6 W Jarvis 9-0 — M Tebbutt 5
5 -060 SAVINGS BANK 16 T Barron 9-0 — V Halliday (7) 4
6 0534 LADY SABINA 11 D O'Neill 8-9 — A Clark 2
7 5000 PYTCHLEY DAWN 10 J Pickering 8-9 — N Carlisle 6
8 6-50 WESSHAUN 38J W G M Turner 8-9 — T Sprake 7

5-2 Lady Sabina, 4-1 Risky Venture, Wesshaun, 5-1 Pytchley Dawn, 6-1 others.

2.20 CASTLECROFT HANDICAP (£5,047: 7f) (16)

1 1100 CALEMAN 30 (D,F) R Boss 4-10-0 — G Duffield 3
2 43-0 GYMCRAK TIGER 138 (G) G Holmes 3-9-13 — A Clark 6
3 0031 CRECHE 80 (B,CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-13 E Husband (7) 15
4 5050 LEE ARTISTE 18 (B,F) P Cole 5-9-10 — T Quinn 16
5 5430 ROSEATE LODGE 117 (C,BF,F,G) K Burke 7-9-8 — D Harrison 10
6 1200 SUPER BENZ 16 (CD,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-9-8 — L Aspell (7) 14
7 1413 HIGHBORN 5 (CD,G) P Felgate 4-9-6 — G Hind 2
8 4365 FIELD OF VISION 8 (D,F) M Johnston 3-9-5 — T Williams 7
9 3140 MISS GORGEOUS 74 (CD,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 3-9-2 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 11
10 5600 HERORA 30 (B,F,G) N Graham 4-9-0 — A McGlone 9
11 2404 THORNTON GATE 12 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 4-8-13 — S Maloney (3) 13
12 4210 HEART BROKEN 12 (C,G) J Fitzgerald 3-8-10 — Paul Eddery 12
13 -000 GYMCRAK TYCOON 54 (D,F,G,S) G Holmes 4-8-5 — J Williams 4
14 0000 DREAM CARRIER 23 (CD,F,G) T Barron 5-8-5 — V Halliday (7) 8
15 0000 FIGHTER SQUADRON 14 (B,C,D,F,G) J Glover 4-8-3 — S Williams 1
16 4000 JORDYWRATH 74 (C,G) D Chapman 3-7-10 — S Wood 5

6-1 Thornton Gate, 7-1 Creche, Herora, 8-1 Highborn, 10-1 others.

2.50 PENDEFORD OPEN MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,231: 6f) (10)

1 4033 CLARION CALL 14 P Cole 9-0 — T Quinn 4
2 6006 CURIE CRUSADER 17 J Berry 9-0 — J Williams 7
3 GARDINER DOUGLAS Mrs N Macauley 9-0 — A Clark 1
4 503 IN A MOMENT 12 (V) S Norton 9-0 — G Duffield 9
5 5000 MYSTICAL MICKEY 16 W Haigh 9-0 — S Williams 10
6 AMI PIAF J White 8-9 — W Newnes 3
7 ANNABELLE ROSE J Eyre 8-9 — N Adams 5
8 500 AVONDALE ROSE 55 B Rothwell 8-9 — S Wood 8
9 00 DEAR SILVERS 42 A Forbes 8-9 — C Rutter 2
10 000 SKELTON PRINCESS 56 R Hollinshead 8-9 — S Perks 6

2-1 In A Moment, 5-2 Clarion Call, 5-1 Curie Crusader, 6-1 Ami Piaf, 8-1 others.

3.20 SHIFNAL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,735: 1m 4f) (17)

1 5030 CLIFTON CHASE 33 (B,CD,G) J Harris 4-9-10 — Paul Eddery 8
2 1401 TEMPERING 182J (CD,F,G) D Chapman 7-9-10 — S Wood 1
3 12-3 SAFFAAH 16J (D,S) W Muir 8-9-6 — W Newnes 13
4 00/00 MYSTICAL GUEST 33 (D,G) J Bostock 7-9-2 — S Whitworth 6
5 0500 CLEAR LIGHT 63 (CD,G) C Smith 6-8-13 — M Wigham 14
6 1520 CLIBURNEL NEWS 35 (C,F,G) M Tompkins 3-8-8 S Mulvey (7) 2
7 4600 MALINDI BAY 9 (B) B McMath 5-8-6 — T Williams 5
8 6006 MR WISHING WELL 82 (CD,G,S) S Dow 7-8-6 — T Quinn 12
9 0805 TRANQUIL LADY 16 E Alston 3-8-8 — S Maloney (3) 15
10 6000 MUMMYS ROCKET 45 A Bailey 4-8-5 — A Mackay 17
11 CHAPEL HAVEN J Parkes 3-8-4 — D Harrison 4
12 0 FLORA LADY 16 (B) W Kemp 3-8-4 — J Lowe 3
13 000-F MILLIE 221 (F) J Mooney 5-8-3 — Antoinette Armes (7) 16
14 6600 DON'T BE SAKI 44 (C,G) Ronald Thompson 3-8-0 — C Rutter 10
15 00 HIGHLAND PRINCESS 35 B Beasley 3-7-12 — L Charnock 9
16 5020 NANCY 25 (B) W Elsey 3-7-12 — Claire Balding (7) 7
17 0000 VICTORIAS PASSION 7 J Glover 3-7-10 — D Biggs 11

6-4 Tempering, 4-1 Cliburnel News, 6-1 Saffaah, 8-1 Clifton Chase, 10-1 others.

3.50 WEST MIDLANDS APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£3,339: 6f) (16)

1 3306 GONDO 13 (V,CD,F,G,S) E Alston 6-10-0 — S Knott (3) 10
2 5426 VERY DICEY 63 (D,BF,F,G) J Berry 5-9-10 — Ruth Coulter (5) 9
3 5040 SPLASH OF SALT 7 (B,CD,S) T Naughton 3-9-8 S McCarthy (3) 3
4 5000 PHARAOH'S DANCER 13 (D,G,S) M McCormack 6-9-7 — D Gibbs 16
5 0000 SAVAHRA SOUND 11 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 6-9-7 G Strange (3) 2
6 4104 VICTORIA HALL 11 W G M Turner 3-9-6 — L Suthern (7) 6
7 1060 HEATHYARDS GEM 16 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 3-9-1 — L Aspell (5) 14
8 4304 INVIGILATE 38 (D,F,G) M Wane 4-9-0 — J Dennis (5) 1
9 0000 JOCKS JOKER 28 J Wilson 3-9-0 — D Griffiths (5) 12
10 0010 COALISLAND 14 (S) R Ingram 3-8-13 — D Toole (5) 7
11 0004 PRINCE BELFORT 7 (F) J Eyre 5-8-11 — P Roberts 8
12 5503 PANTHER 7 (V) J Hetherton 3-8-10 — S Copp 15
13 0300 EGG 10 (D,S) T Barron 3-8-10 — Kimberley Hart (7) 13
14 2202 MU-ARRIK 35 (D,F) B Beasley 5-8-9 — D Thomas (5) 11
15 5062 AVRIL ETOILE 28 L Holt 3-8-7 — Iona Wands (5) 4
16 0100 COLFAX CLASSIC 44 (C,G) B Rothwell 3-8-4 — C Scudder (5) 5

5-1 Mu-Arrik, 6-1 Panther, 7-1 Invigilate, Prince Belfort, 8-1 Very Dicey, 12-1 Egg, Heathyards Gem, 14-1 others.

4.20 MOSELEY NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,494: 1m) (13)

1 1320 PAVAKA 17 (B,G) D Loder 9-7 — M Tebbutt 5
2 3831 NON VINTAGE 10 (B,D,G) M H Easterby 9-6 — S Maloney (3) 7
3 1560 DOWN D ISLANDS 9 (B,F) R Hannon 8-11 — W Newnes 3
4 1550 HIGHLY FASHIONABLE 33 (C,G) P Cole 8-10 — T Quinn 11
5 0504 TONE CONTROL 7 S Woods 8-3 — D Biggs 4
6 4024 ACCESS ADVANTAGE 130 R Boss 8-2 — G Duffield 8
7 1400 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 11 (C,G) R Hollinshead 8-1 — Paul Eddery 2
8 4000 PETITJEAN 49 P Cole 7-12 — C Rutter 1
9 5545 STARICA 9 (B) W Elsey 7-7 — Claire Balding (7) 9
10 0060 HOTCROFT 27 R Whitaker 7-7 — N Varley (7) 6
11 5080 SHARPISH WORDS 41 W Haigh 7-7 — J Lowe 10
12 0000 AUNTIE FAY 26 B Rothwell 7-7 — S Wood 12
13 3000 WALWORTH LADY 11 M Dods 7-7 — L Charnock 13

3-1 Non Vintage, 5-1 Pavaka, Tone Control, 6-1 Highly Fashionable, 7-1 Starica, 10-1 Heathyards Crusade, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 9 winners from 21 runners, 42.9%; P Cole, 14 from 55, 25.5%; T Barron, 64 from 287, 22.3%; W O'Gorman, 40 from 215, 18.6%; R Armstrong, 10 from 54, 18.5%.
JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 9 winners from 44 rides, 20.5%; V Halliday, 5 from 28, 17.9%; D Biggs, 26 from 166, 15.7%; G Duffield, 45 from 291, 15.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 33 from 216, 15.3%.

Goal-starved Arsenal remain curious contradiction

Arsenal 0
Norwich City 0

BY DAVID MILLER

IT MUST be possible to play as unentertainingly as Arsenal and do so for less expenditure. Although Ian Wright might have won the match in the last minute, his header striking the underside of the crossbar and being hacked clear, Arsenal's fourth consecutive goalless Premiership draw was in keeping with a biting, grey afternoon that signalled the first Saturday of winter.

Robert Chase, Norwich's chairman, has an intriguing speculation: what would a league table look like if based upon expenditure-per-point-gained? I suspect that while Arsenal and Norwich are at present the nearest pursuers of Manchester United, a cost-related table would lift Norwich comfortably above Alex Ferguson's team and leave Arsenal nearer the relegation zone. Norwich have several players on a basic wage of under £400 a week. Winning is worth a £1,000 bonus.

Occasionally Arsenal get it right, in terms of entertainment; at home to Ipswich Town, when Campbell scored three, and in the second half against Standard Liège. Otherwise, their league story so far this season makes rather good reading: in addition to the recent goalless draws, there have been six other matches in which they have scored one (four times) or none (twice), and they have managed only a single goal in the last six games. Arsenal remain a curious contradiction, between, on the one hand, the delights of Wright, Davis, their best passer, the thrusting Merson, and, on Saturday, Limpar, and on the other the expedient physical emphasis of Jensen and the whole back line. It can be no surprise that even Arsenal's most loyal supporters have an almost paranoic love-hate relationship with their team.

How they longed on Saturday, when neither goalkeeper was seriously tested by direct shots, for Limpar, that electric winger who is an echo of Hamrin, Sweden's World Cup flier of 1958, to warm the afternoon with his dazzling runs. Yet in addition to being studiously marked by Bowen, Limpar was for much of the time ignored by his colleagues. It is not only managers who make wingers redundant.

Limpar was involved in one of the best moments of the match, ten minutes after half-time, when his sharp cross found Gunn clawing the ball off the line as Wright attempted a second shot. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said that Limpar "sparked everybody in the second half" but I fear it was not enough.

It would be unjust to suggest that Norwich, who defended for much of a negative game with five men, were the better side to watch. Yet their passing was as good or better than you will see anywhere in Britain. Much of the match was a competition between Arsenal's defence and the referee: how much of their physical intimidation, intended to crush Norwich's short passing, would they get away with. Fortunately, not a lot.

So skilful are Norwich these days — none more so than Crook — at drawing an opponent on to the ball before releasing a pass, that many of Arsenal's challenges, notably those by Bould and Winterburn on Sutton and Fox respectively, were fouls. Indeed, Bould gave the impression that he intended to catch the man as much as the ball. He was rightly booked midway through the second half for a late tackle that left skidmarks on the grass of an aeroplane on touchdown, and Sutton nursing a twisted ankle.

Physical challenge is a fundamental of the game, yet it is important for both teams and spectators that the balance is right. Mike Walker, Norwich's unsung manager, paid tribute to the hard side of Arsenal. He is not a man to cry wolf and observed "it's the name of the game". Sutton, Norwich's lone forward, might often not have thought so.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn (sub: M Keown, 79min) — A Limpar, P Davis, J Jensen, P Merson — A Smith (sub: K Campbell, 84). I Wright.
NORWICH CITY (4-5-1): B Gunn — S Prior, I Culverhouse, I Butterworth, R Newman — R Fox, G Megson, I Crook, D Eadie, M Bowen — C Sutton.
Referee: L Dilkes.

Presence of Gould enlivens Coventry board game

Coventry City 0
Sheffield United 0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ON A grey, sombre Coventry day, this was a match lacking in grace or quality, amid an atmosphere that in many ways depicted the turmoil that is separating clubs like these from the wealthy giants of the FA Carling Premiership. The sides could not summon up a goal, nor many attempts worthy of the name, and the anodyne conclusion was overwhelmed at the finish by about 200 Coventry protesters carrying their banners: "Sack the board".

The board, of course, had gone. And so those protestors turned from the empty directors box and found themselves looking up into the corner of the ground where Bobby Gould, the manager who walked away from Coventry seven days ago, was pouring forth on his emotions and his conclusions following such a barren game.

The demonstrators, in effect, became extras to the television show in which Gould, the commentator, appeared before them in a glass house.

And the match? Why should excuses from either Coventry or Sheffield United concerning their bank balance and their inability to spend heavily be accepted. There is the nagging example of Norwich City, a middle-class club, geographically isolated, yet able to manage its income and to turn out a team coherent, controlled and at times capable of superb passing football.

Here at Highfield Road the only telling moments were provided by those disgruntled supporters who came to raise their voices and their slogans. They pay to get in, so they have a right to do that. Phil Neal, the stand-in manager of Coventry, felt his side did well, that they showed grit and that they put on blinkers to focus on the match.

If only the blinkers had been handed around the audience. It was 15 minutes before anybody attempted a shot and then, after Babb had directed a left-foot pass out of defence, Quinn shot on sight, but more than a foot over the crossbar.

United responded by falling about in the Coventry six-yard box. Littlejohn had taken flight down the left and crossed a ball which Ogrizovic, misjudging the pace alarmingly, could only parry to the ground. Falconer should have scored at his feet but fell off balance and Ward was too inert to respond. That was as bright as the first-half attacking became.

Five attempts at goal in the first 50 minutes — and just one of those on target — was the mediocrity served before us. Flynn, belying his 5ft 8in, several times won the ball in the air from free kicks. Alas, either nobody was interested in his knock downs or Quinn was errant in slicing the ball over the bar from barely seven yards out.

Quinn is laughably lauded in some quarters as a potential international. For a man of his considerable bulk, he managed to disappear altogether in the second half and Flynn's headed flicks thus unerringly found red and white shirts.

United, achieving their fourth consecutive draw, at least produced one spectacular moment, on the stroke of half-time, when Littlejohn breezed down the left, shot for the angle between post and bar and forced Ogrizovic into an agile save.

So the game meandered, the growls of disapproval unable to drown the protests. Coventry introduced the cutting edge of John Williams too late and he too found that Quinn was not willing or able to get on the end of his cross. In the dying moments, a long throw-in became Coventry's most potent weapon. The United goalkeeper, Tracey, flapped at the ball, Borrows nipped past one tackle before shooting and Tracey then atoned by arching his back and turning the ball over the bar with one hand.

Gould, caught by the emotion of the supporters turning to him, has no panacea for the £3.5-million debt at this floundering club. He merely believes that the passion of the supporters could be harnessed for the good of Coventry City. The board, in its silence, has no immediate plans.

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — B Borrows, D Rennie, P Babb, S Morgan — S Flynn, W Boland, L McGrath, P Ndlovu — R Wegerle (sub: J Williams, 73min). M Quinn
SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): S Tracey — C Bradshaw, D Tuttle, J Hoyland, D Whitehouse — M Ward, P Rogers, C Hartfield, G Hodges — A Littlejohn, W Falconer (sub: A Cork, 75).
Referee: A Gunn

Half-time measures prompt United to give no quarter

Manchester United 2
Queens Park Rangers ... 1

BY KEITH PIKE

IT WAS brief but spellbinding, a passage of play frightening in its intensity and sustained by genius. Titles are not meant to be decided over 15 matches, let alone 15 minutes, but maybe one was on Saturday.

Idling in neutral for the first half of the game, Manchester United then put their foot to the boards to permit a glimpse of their individual and collective brilliance. There was still 30 minutes to go when they eased off, but by then Queens Park Rangers had been beaten and United's pursuers in the FA Carling Premiership could just be made out, 11 points in arrears. It may be a marathon, not a sprint, but with the passing of October the finishing line is in sight.

So who can prevent United from claiming successive titles? Probably only themselves. Complacency remains as much a threat to Alex Ferguson as fixture congestion — more so should United fall to the talented Turks from Galatasaray in Istanbul on Wednesday. It is a trap his players ventured into at the weekend, and one the United manager got them out of in a hurry.

"He [Ferguson] did not get to the point of throwing teacups around the dressing room at half-time — he is a lot mellower since we won the title last year — but what he said got us going," Paul Parker, the United defender, confirmed. For a quarter of an hour United were irresistible. Ferguson insists that United's minds are focused — "you will not get anyone in this club saying we are going to win the title. We will not allow complacency," he said — but not for the first time this season, he had to shake them out of their lethargy, which suggests the opposite.

"We just had to get them believing in themselves again, to do the simple things well rather than attempt the intricate," Ferguson said. A word or three from the wise having done the trick, his subsequent delight was understandable, for he would have recognised this as a pivotal match for United.

Two seasons ago, when Gerry Francis brought Rangers to Old Trafford for the first time as manager, United had lost only one of their first 21 games, but Dennis Bailey's hat-trick in a 4-1 triumph on New Year's day induced a hangover United were unable to shake off. Toppled from first place, they won only seven games in the second half of the season, finished runners-up to Leeds United and needed another 12 months finally to bring the championship back.

While Aston Villa and Norwich City, United's only rivals last season, had already been beaten in this campaign, Rangers' arrival on Saturday on the back of five straight wins and in rare touch in front of goal posed an obvious threat. For 45 minutes — as long as United permitted it — the form held good.

The absence of Pallister, who missed his first League game in 18 months because of a leg injury, unnerved United; although Parker was able to switch comfortably to the centre of defence to partner Bruce, Phelan was left exposed to Sinclair's pace on the right. Phelan is not the quickest of Premiership defenders — he may, indeed, be the slowest — and with Giggs forced to help cover Sinclair's early raids, United's shape was immediately distorted.

Ferdinand had already extended Schmeichel when, with eight minutes gone, he set up Rangers' goal, one of several prodigious leaps allowing him to head Bardsley's cross down to Allen, who looped a shot over Schmeichel and in off a post for his eighth goal in five games. Few other clear-cut openings were created, but with Wilkins strolling unmolested through midfield to orchestrate Rangers' attacks, United's first home League defeat in a year loomed large.

Come the second half, though, and United had been transformed by Ferguson. Giggs poured down one flank, Sharpe down the other. Cantona flicked and Hughes charged. Behind them, Ince and Keane crunched into tackles they had not been near enough to make earlier.

The goals were almost incidental such was the hostility of the assault, but within four minutes of each other Cantona ran 40 yards to beat Stejskal for the equaliser and then Hughes poached another from a corner.

"They have got a fantastic squad and I think they are going to need it," Francis said. "I don't think it is over yet by a long way." Ferguson would agree.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — M Phelan, P Parker, S Bruce, D Irwin — R Giggs, R Keane, P Ince, L Sharpe — E Cantona, M Hughes
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): J Stejskal — D Bardsley, D Peacock, A McDonald, C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker, R Wilkins (sub: I Holloway, 73min), T Sinclair — I Ferdinand, B Allen
Referee: S Lodge.



Cantona, who scored Manchester United's first goal, is brought down to earth by Sinclair's tackle

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	13	34	+17	WWWWW
2	Norwich	13	23	+9	WWWDD
3	Arsenal	13	23	+6	WDDDD
4	Blackburn	13	23	+5	DWDDW
5	Aston Villa	13	23	+5	DLDWW
6	Leeds	13	22	+4	WWDDD
7	Liverpool	13	20	+8	LDWDW
8	QPR	13	20	+3	DWWWL
9	Newcastle	13	19	+7	DWWLW
10	Tottenham	13	19	+5	DWLDL
11	Everton	13	19	0	LLDLW
12	Wimbledon	13	17	-6	DLDLL
13	Coventry	13	16	-2	LLDLD
14	Ipswich	13	16	-4	DLDWL
15	Manchester City	12	15	+1	LWDDD
16	Chelsea	13	13	-2	WLLLL
17	West Ham	12	13	-7	WLWDD
18	Sheffield Utd	13	12	-5	LLDDD
19	Oldham	13	11	-10	DDLDW
20	Sheffield Wed	13	10	-6	DLDDD
21	Southampton	13	8	-9	LDDWL
22	Swindon	13	5	-19	LLDDL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Shutt leaves Millwall empty-handed

Birmingham City 1
Millwall 0

BY KEITH PIKE

FURTHER evidence, if it was needed, of the moderate nature of the Endsleigh Insurance League's finest was in ample supply at St Andrew's yesterday. Too many forgettable matches featuring too many mediocre teams have already been endured, and this mid-table scrap was another to add to the list.

How unfavourably the first division compares with last season, when Newcastle United set the standards and half a dozen others came close to matching them in an absorbing contest. Now we have Charlton Athletic, a resolute but no more than adequate team, setting the pace and their pursuers only occasionally setting the pulses racing.

The deficiencies yesterday were reflected throughout by the standard of passing, which was poor, but particularly by the finishing, which was woeful. There were ten instances, of varying degrees of difficulty, in which players had only the goalkeeper to beat. On four of them the finish was not on target, and on five others the goalkeeper was able to execute a save without getting his knees dirty.

Birmingham claimed, with some justification, that their greater commitment to attack made them worthy winners and Terry Cooper, their manager, seems aware that it might not take an exceptional team to earn promotion this season. "There is not a Newcastle this season," Cooper said. "The closest is probably Derby County, but only because of the quality of players they have bought. If we can get three players fit quickly, we could have a good run at it."

Cooper, indeed, was without six first-team players because of injury or suspension, so the points Carl Shutt secured with his third goal of the season were especially welcome. Given the chance by Dolby's error and then Donowa's cross, Shutt did not even have a goalkeeper to contend with as he tapped into an empty net from close range five minutes before half-time.

A superb double save by Keller two minutes later meant that Millwall were always in with a chance, but for all their neat passing they lacked sharpness in attack, Kennedy hitting a post with their best effort.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): K Miller — S Hiley, C Whyte, R Dryden, G Potter — E McMinn (sub: P Fenwick, 77min), D Smith, G Parris, L Donowa — A Saville, C Shutt.
MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — K Cunningham, K Stevens, P van den Hauwe, A Dolby — R Huxford, A Roberts, B Murray, P Barber (sub: M Beard, 45) — J Goodman (sub: J Morales, 77), M Kennedy.
Referee: M Peck.

Batty and Blackburn shape up

Blackburn Rovers 1
Tottenham Hotspur 0

BY PETER BALL

ALAN Hansen said on Saturday evening: "What we are looking at is who's going to come second?" On this evidence, Blackburn Rovers will take some stopping. At last a home performance equalled their away form, only Erik Thorstvedt standing between them and a sizable victory.

In the euphoria of watching some sparkling attacks, it was tempting to say that they might yet push Manchester United all the way. With Shearer back to his best, claiming his ninth goal in 14 games, six of them as substitute, Newell, Gallacher and Ripley all in fine form and the latest, £2.75 million signing from Leeds, David Batty, making an immediate impact, Blackburn threatened to swamp Tottenham, beating them by the same margin but more comprehensively than United had done two weeks earlier.

They have the resources to mount a challenge. The team is taking shape and the modern stadium beginning to, with the Darwin End now open, making the ground look less like a building site. All that and Tim Flowers still to come?

Tottenham, though, were unconvinced. "Blackburn played well, but United are still the team to beat," Osvaldo Ardiles, the visiting manager, said. Thorstvedt, with nice understatement after his heroics, said: "It was a bit hectic out there. But it's a two-tier league at the moment — there's United and then there's the rest."

Tottenham's reservations were understandable because Blackburn had beaten a shadow side. Sheringham was missed as, to a lesser extent, were Kerslake and Caskey, and nothing could have revealed the central importance of Samways to Tottenham as starkly as his absence.

Without him, they did not function. Asked to take over as playmaker, Howells could not meet the responsibility. He received little help, Sedgley and Dozzell flitting on the fringes of the action as Batty and Sherwood dominated midfield.

Batty caught the eye as much with his constructive play as his more familiar destructive qualities, though there was a nasty lunge which ended Barmby's best moment of the game.

Kenny Dalglish has apparently seen talents in Batty hitherto hidden. "It is easy for Batty to fit in," the Blackburn manager said, "especially in a side which plays football. He just loves playing football, he wants to get the ball down and play, and that's what we want too, so we should complement each other."

Even in his constructive mode, as befits someone brought up in a rugby league city, the forward pass is an unrevealed mystery to Batty, whose best passes go ten yards and square. But he appears to have given Blackburn a better shape, he did not give the ball away and his bustling energy kept his side driving forward, sending Newell, Ripley, Gallacher and Shearer through the gaps in the Tottenham defence.

Thorstvedt, however, stood tall and defiant. A point-blank parry from Shearer and a swoop to stop Ripley's low shot one handed as the forward burst through the middle were outstanding saves, but one stood out, the goalkeeper twisting in mid-air as he leapt to claw Newell's dipping volley out of the top left-hand corner with his right hand.

The goal, after only 15 minutes, was more mundane. Hendry's power in the air at set-pieces gave Tottenham problems all afternoon, but on this occasion Newell got in ahead of him to flick on Ripley's corner and Shearer, who was played onside by Dozzell, swivelled to score, with even Thorstvedt unable to intervene.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): R Mimms — H Berg, C Hendry, N Marker (sub: M Atkins, 52min), A Wright — S Ripley, D Batty, T Sherwood, K Gallacher — A Shearer, M Newell.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-3-1-2): E Thorstvedt — S Campbell, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — J Dozzell, D Howells, S Sedgley — N Barmby — D Anderton (sub: P Moran, 73), S Robinson (sub: J Hendry, 67)
Referee: A Wilkie

Fowler subdues Flowers power

Liverpool 4
Southampton 2

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

HONESTY disarms the unwary. Alfred Lunt, the celebrated American man of the stage, was once asked why he and his actress wife, Lynn Fontanne, had never been tempted by Hollywood. "We can be bought," he replied, "but we can't ever be bored."

Tim Flowers began the match as the keeper of Southampton's goal, as yet unbought and, as the contumely heaped upon his head by an unforgiving crowd told him, unloved. That it was his last game for them was hardly in doubt. At the end of it he threw his gloves into the visiting support and disported himself as though he had given a grateful gallery a flawless performance of Othello.

Human conduct being so capricious, the Kop eventually sent Flowers on his way, presumably to Blackburn, with an ovation. He had indeed played nobly, though not nobly enough to deny Liverpool a handsome victory. His imminent departure cannot assist Southampton, whose spirit in defeat was not matched by their ability.

For all their gameness here, contributing a secondary part to a pleasing match, their shortcomings are manifest. There is a lack of mobility in defence, surprise in midfield and danger in attack, where Dowie's clumsiness is embarrassing. The conjunction of his style with Le Tissier's is illuminating and not flattering in the least.

What Le Tissier is still doing at Southampton, he alone knows. Restored to the first team by a manager whose trust he clearly lacks, he has scored four times in a week and should have had a hat-trick on Saturday. Instead Grobbelaar stood his ground impressively in the first half, winning a game of dare with the striker who, when he chose to shoot, saw the goalkeeper divert the ball behind.

He is unreliable. The most gifted footballers are, having a deeper well of talent than others. Alan Hansen, the former Liverpool defender, expressed a common mood on Saturday night when he referred, somewhat grudgingly, to Le Tissier as a "luxury". Give us such luxuries. Now, more than ever, English football needs fantasy.

It all depends on how sympathetically you regard talent. Danny Blanchflower once asked: one man is consistent, his best is seven out of 10; another can give you nine out of 10 but is more variable. To whom does the manager look? An example of the first category, David Batty, has just joined Blackburn for £2.75 million. Le Tissier is not even sure of a regular place in the team second from bottom.

Few players possess the gifts which enabled him to score his first goal four minutes before half-time. In accepting Dowie's headed pass, confounding Wright, and scoring left footed he revealed intuition, balance and, that sine qua non, command of the ball.

When some other club finds the money, or summons the will, Le Tissier will surely be accommodated elsewhere. Robbie Fowler, Liverpool's 18-year-old forward, should receive all the help he needs at home. A hat-trick was confirmation of his ability.

Deftly, he headed Liverpool in front from Jones's cross. Then he chested Ruddock's mighty pass into a position from which he could sweep in the second. His third goal was odd, Rush failing to touch a free kick which drifted beyond Flowers, grounded and fooled.

There is still work to do at Anfield, as Graeme Souness surely knows. Nicol, the pro's pro, has seen better years and Stewart is an out and out plodder. As midfielders, they will not do. On the other hand, Rush, alert, selfless and committed, excelled. Despite Le Tissier and Fowler, he was the best man on view.

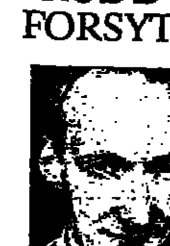
LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock, S Bjornebye (sub: R Rosenthal, 45min) — S Harkness, S Nicol, P Stewart, D Matteo — I Rush, R Fowler
SOUTHAMPTON (5-3-2): T Flowers — J Kenna, K Monkou, K Moore (sub: G Cockerill, 53), F Benali, M Adams — P Allen, N Maddison, P Reid — I Dowie, M Le Tissier.
Referee: D Gallagher

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Old Firm derby remains stirring drama best left to be enjoyed by insiders

Passion play runs true to type in Ibrox cauldron

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

IN THE press box at Ibrox Park on Saturday was a reporter from County Down. He had never been at an Old Firm game before. Likewise the documentary producer from Dublin accompanying a young Belfast woman, a Rangers supporter, to her first Glasgow derby.

In the course of Thursday and Friday, I took three calls from journalists looking for colour, or as one put it, "the Protestant Rangers pubs and the Catholic Celtic pubs in Glasgow". Leaving aside that even in Glasgow thirst comes before theology when a drinker is choosing a watering hole, it is a source of wonder that anyone who wants to encounter Old Firm supporters having a pint on the day of a game should have to ask directions.

But then, outsiders are not usually after enlightenment but confirmation of the two tribes imagery of Glasgow football. The truth, on and off the field, is both simpler and more complex.

According to the Ibrox scoreboard, which relays personal messages and greetings before every game, there were several visitors from Northern Ireland in the ground. At the end of a week when the people of Belfast had endured the worst eruption of sectarian murders in 20 years, what were they to make of the scene before them? At one end of the park, 7,500 Celtic supporters waving Irish tricolours and chanting in support of the IRA. In the rest of the stadium, 40,000 Rangers supporters bellowing obscene songs about the UDA and the Pope.

One of the choruses, to the tune of *I Was Born Under a Wandering Star* — altered to "I Was Born Under a Union Jack" — contains this verse:

"Do you know where hell is?
Hell is up The Falls.
Heaven's up the Shankill Road
And under Derry's Walls."

Were the Northern Irish contingent — Rangers supporters, presumably — comforted by a display of fellow feeling rarely seen elsewhere in the United Kingdom? Or did they wonder who could sing of the Shankill Road being heaven after last week of all weeks?

Most probably they were relieved to be away from the nerve-wrenching tension of Ulster, at a sporting event where spectators sing about being up to their knees in the blood of their adversaries without showing the faintest sign of doing anything to accomplish it. Nobody watching Scottish football has been up to their knees in anything since the advent of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 that prohibited the consumption of alcohol at Scottish grounds outside the privileged privacy of executive boxes.

Half an hour before the kick-off, the Celtic players came out for a warm-up in which they ran in line from one side of the pitch to the other. It was a manoeuvre that brought them face to face with the Rangers supporters in the one remaining standing enclosure at Ibrox.

The Rangers supporters bayed virulent abuse at every approach. The Celtic players smiled back or feigned indifference; the only one to fix the enclosure with a macho stare was Mowbray, but then he is English. It was hard to resist the thought that both sides were enjoying themselves greatly, proof that Glaswegians like nothing better than to inhabit their own drama.

And drama begets drama. Old Firm matches frequently seem to be directed by the gods of theatre. Lou Macari's last game for Celtic as a player was a 2-1 defeat by Rangers at Ibrox. Twenty years later how should he begin as Celtic manager? But of course, with a 2-1 defeat of Rangers at Ibrox — with the Celtic goals gifted by the Rangers goalkeeper and the winning goal scored three minutes into injury time.

The Celtic support, desperate for revived fortunes, celebrated a restoration comedy of errors. Rangers trooped off into a dark weekend of the soul. Ireland provided only the soundtrack and there was no civil commotion in Glasgow. Outsiders please note.

TOM KIDD



Macari revels in his Celtic side's good fortune in his first match in charge as manager

Curse of Clough shows signs of being lifted

Russell Kempson believes happier days lie ahead for Forest after their narrow win in an entertaining Nottingham derby

At the City Ground, Nottingham, life after Brian still embraces the full range of emotions: relief, sadness, thanksgiving, regret. "There was a lot of despondency at first but at least it's much quieter now," the car park attendant said. "If there was 'owt going on, whatever it was, he had to stick his nose in. There's not so much mouth these days."

Brian Clough, former Forest manager, former scourge of the idle, complacent or incompetent, now tends to his garden in Quarndon and considers various litigations. Well away from the glare of an expectant public he served so prolifically before talking them into the Endsleigh Insurance League first division amid embarrassment and acrimony.

Was his 18-year reign, crammed with cups and controversy, the work of a tyrant? Did he really rule by fear alone? "I don't know. I was too afraid to ask him," a former Forest player, allegedly, said last week. Clough stories linger and will never die; *the legend lives on.*

Frank Clark, though, has to deal with the present. Succeeding the man they couldn't gag is a responsibility that would break many a poor soul, even without the added burden of having to adequately replace Clough Jr and Keane — Forest's midfield power base last season. A rebuilding programme of almost £5 million is only now showing signs of realising its worth, with a Coca-Cola Cup win over West Ham United last Wednesday and an industrious 1-0 victory over Notts County on Saturday.

Sixteenth place in the first division represents a long way to go before the curse of Clough can be lifted by re-entry into the FA Carling Premiership. The Forest boardroom also remains unsettled, with Chris Wootton, the retired builder credited with initiating Clough's downfall, surprisingly re-elected as a director.

But Clark detects a change in fortune, however slight. "Things are starting to bed down now" he said. "Maybe we haven't quite turned the corner but we're at least looking like a side that is hard to beat."

Forest accounted for County, their neighbours from across the Trent, without much of the eye-catching flair and sweet passing movements that led many to suggest, until the final throes, that they were too good to go down last term. Pearce still makes his marauding runs from deep and Gemmill prompts wisely but Forest have developed a less brittle style that relies more on force and substance.

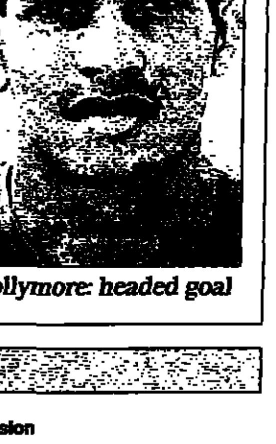
Symmetrical patterns are being phased out, not into extinction but moderation. As *the confidence* seeps back, so will the elegance and elaboration of old. Clark is well aware of the fine traditions he has inherited.

County were condemned to their *27th* consecutive away match without success when Collymore nodded home a Phillips cross in the 74th minute, his tenth goal of the season.

He had left the pitch for nine minutes during the first half to undergo repairs after clashing heads with King, the County fullback. On his return, wearing a huge, taped bandage that resembled the dressing room teacosy, *he illustrated the new* sense of spirit that is gradually infiltrating the City Ground.

"It was sad when Brian left. After all he'd achieved, of course it was," the Forest steward said "but he picked some crazy teams and got us relegated. He had to go in the end and probably should have gone before. But we've all got over it now."

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): T Wright — B Laws, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — D Phillips, S Stone, S Gemmill, K Black — L Glover, S Collymore.
NOTTS COUNTY (2-1-2-2-3): S Cherry — M Johnson, R Walker — P Turner — T Gallagher, P King — M Draper, D Thomas (sub: G McSwegan, 76 min) — P Devlin, G Lund, A Agana.
Referee: H King.



Collymore: headed goal

Quinn's good deeds revitalising Reading

Reading 1
Fulham 0

BY PETER ROBINSON

GOOD neighbours are precious. If you need a favour, whether it is the loan of a ladder or a helping hand when fixing the car, a friendly face grinning over the fence from next door is almost priceless. It is a generous gift and Northern Ireland's footballers were eager to step in and help out when called upon last month.

The Republic of Ireland needed their neighbours to the north to beat Denmark in a World Cup qualifier in Copenhagen to reach the finals next year. No matter that their hopes were long since dashed: Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, spoke for all his players when he said he planned to do just that, reasoning that if his Irishmen could not pit their wits against Germany, America and Brazil, then at least Jack Charlton's should. When Jimmy Quinn looped a header over Peter Schmeichel, all Ireland celebrated.

Fate, though, was never one to make things quite that simple. Much better to have the "goal" disallowed, to have Denmark win and to leave the Republic contemplating a trip to Belfast knowing they need to win to guarantee a place in the finals. If Quinn is going to score, much better he does it in that match than in Copenhagen. Fate was never one to do anybody any favours.

That decision rankles with Quinn. The goals have been flying in from all angles at club level this season, raising hopes of promotion at Reading and lifting him to the top of the goalscoring charts with 20 in just 18 matches, a remarkable record, but the one that got away still bugs him. The referee said Quinn pushed a defender, Quinn even now denies it and always will. Goalscorers hate nothing more than having a "goal" wrongly disallowed.

As a result, he will not be lacking motivation when the Republic visit Windsor Park on November 17. "There will be no favours this time. We only have one game left and we will be going all out to acquit ourselves well in that game."

Quinn will not lack form either. At 33, he is enjoying his best start to a season and Reading, a sensible blend of bristling potential and calming experience, are reaping the benefits. Mark McGhee, their manager, has no doubts of the quiet Irishman's influence.

"He has been my best buy, no doubt about it." McGhee happily said on Saturday after another Quinn goal had earned another three points. "When we knew he was available, we couldn't believe it. We got him for £55,000 last season and what can you get for that money these days? *He is an* international, a current international, and has lifted the whole prestige of the club. He has done tremendously for us."

Saturday offered a perfect example. Fulham had held out for almost 75 minutes before Quinn glanced a corner into the net with a deft, near-post header. Nobody else looked likely to break the deadlock on a day of midfield scrapping and dour defending.

READING (4-4-2): S Hislop — R Ranson, J Hopkins, K McPherson, D Kerr — S Taylor (sub: M Gilkes, 65min), K Dillon, P Parkinson, M Gooding — J Quinn, S Lovell.
FULHAM (4-4-2): J Stannard — S Morgan, T Angus, G Thomas, R Herrera — J Hails, A Bedrossian, J Eckhardt, M Ferney (sub: U Onwere, 80) — G Brazil, S Farrell.
Referee: G Singh.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (0) 0 NORWICH (0) 0
30,516
BLACKBURN (1) 1 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Shearer 15 — 16,849
CHELSEA (0) 0 OLDHAM (1) 1
15,372 — Beckford 19
IPSWICH (0) 0 EVERTON (1) 2
15,078 — Barlow 13 Beagrie 51
LIVERPOOL (3) 4 SOUTHMPTN (1) 2
Fowler 14, 29, 85 Rush 63 — Le Tissier 40, 79
32,818
MAN UTD (0) 2 QPR (1) 1
Cantona 53 Hughes 57 — Allen 8
44,663
NEWCASTLE (1) 4 WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Beardsley 36 (pen), 63, 71 Cole 60 — 33,392
SHEFF WED (2) 3 LEEDS (1) 3
Waddle 2 Jones 43 Bright 68 — Fairclough 42 Wallace 56 Speed 64
31,892
SWINDON (1) 1 A VILLA (1) 2
Bodin 33 (pen) — Teale 43 Atkinson 68
16,530

Yesterday
COVENTRY (0) 0 SHEFFIELD U (0) 0
10,429

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	13	6	1	0	16	5	5	0	1	11	5	34
2 Norwich	13	2	2	2	2	3	4	3	0	19	9	23
3 Arsenal	13	4	2	1	9	4	2	3	1	3	2	23
4 Blackburn	13	2	3	2	6	7	4	2	0	12	6	23
5 Aston Villa	13	3	1	2	7	5	3	4	0	8	5	23
6 Leeds	13	4	1	1	11	8	2	3	2	9	8	22
7 Liverpool	13	4	1	2	11	6	2	1	3	9	6	20
8 QPR	13	4	1	1	15	8	2	1	4	9	13	20
9 Newcastle	13	4	1	2	13	6	1	3	2	8	8	19
10 Tottenham	13	3	2	1	11	5	2	2	3	8	9	19
11 Everton	13	3	0	3	8	9	3	1	3	8	7	19
12 Wimbledon	13	2	3	1	6	6	2	2	3	7	13	17
13 Coventry	13	2	4	1	6	5	1	3	2	8	10	16
14 Ipswich	13	2	3	2	6	7	2	1	3	6	9	16
16 Man City	12	1	4	1	7	6	2	1	3	4	4	14
17 Chelsea	13	3	1	3	7	6	0	3	3	3	6	13
18 West Ham	12	2	2	2	9	8	1	2	3	3	7	13
19 Sheff Utd	13	2	3	1	9	7	0	3	4	7	14	12
20 Oldham	13	0	4	2	5	9	2	1	4	4	10	11
21 Sheff Wed	13	1	4	2	12	12	0	3	3	5	11	10
22 Southampton	13	2	1	3	11	12	0	1	6	4	12	8
23 Swindon	13	0	2	5	6	17	0	3	3	5	13	5

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: ; Atherstone 0 Sittingbourne 1, Bashley 0 Cambridge City 2. Chelmsford 3 Waterlooville 2; Farnborough 1 Corby Town 0, Gloucester 1 Dorchester 0; Gresley Rovers 3 Moor Green 3; Hastings 2 Nuneaton 3; Hednesford 2 Crawley 1; Solihull 1 Cheltenham 2; Trowbridge 3 Halesowen 1; Worcester 0 Burton 4. Southern Division: Ashford 3 Poole 0, Baldock 2 Salisbury 0; Braintree 1 Witney 2; Fareham 0 Sudbury 2; Fisher 93 0 Margate 1; Gravesend and Northfleet 4 Weymouth 1, Havant Town 3 Canterbury City 0; Newport IOW 1 Buckingham Town 1; Wealdstone 1 Erith and Belvedere 1 Midland Division: Buston Town 1 Leicester Utd 1; Clevedon Town 2 Evesham Utd 1; Dudley Town 2 Newport AFC 2; Forest Green Rovers 2 Sutton Coldfield Tn 5; Grantham Town 0 Weston-Super-Mare 1; Redditch Utd 1 Rushden and Diamonds 2; Tamworth 2 Bedworth Utd 0; VS Rugby 2 Stourbridge 0

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe Town 2 Wroxham 2, Tiptree Utd 0 Walton Utd 1; Wisbech Town 6 Sudbury Wanderers 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 2 Bristol Manor Farm 4; Exmouth 1 Odd Down 3; Westbury 2 Liskeard 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido 2 Porthmadog 2, Caersws 1 Maesteg Park 0; Connah's Quay 0 Inter Cardiff 3; Ebbw Vale 2 Conwy 1; Flint 0 Aberystwyth 3, Haverfordwest 0 Bangor 3; Holywell 3 Cwmbran 1; Llansantffraid 4 Llanelli 0, Mold 3 Briton Ferry 1; Ton Pentre 5 Newtown 0

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 1 Newry 2; Bangor 0 Linfield 1; Carrick 1 Glenavon 5; Coleraine 4 Ards 0, Glentoran 1 Cliftonville 4. Larne 5 Ballymena 1: Omagh 0 Distillery 1. Portadown 3 Crusaders 0

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First division

BOLTON (0) 0 DERBY (0) 2
11,464 — Pembridge 76 Simpson 81
BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 SUNDRLAND (0) 0
Allison 81 Baird 89 — 8,162
CHARLTON (1) 1 OXFORD UTD (0) 0
Nelson 36 — 7,811
C PALACE (1) 1 GRIMSBY (0) 0
Southgate 35 — 12,202
LUTON (0) 0 LEICESTER (1) 2
8,813 — Thompson 39 (pen) Speedie 46
MIDDLESBRO (1) 1 PETERBORO (1) 1
Mustoe 23 — Iorfa 9
10,704
NOTTM FOR (0) 1 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
Collymore 74 — 26,721
PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 TRANMERE (0) 0
Dobson 66 Walsh 80 — 12,462
SOUTHEND (0) 1 WOLVES (0) 1
Jones 73 — Cook 80 (pen)
8,071
STOKE (2) 5 BARNSLEY (3) 4
Fleming 23 (og) Bishop (og) 25 Gleghorn 51 Overson 55 Carruthers 64 — Redfearn 5 O'Connell 7 Bryson 38 Archdeacon 87
14,679
WEST BROM (2) 4 WATFORD (1) 1
Hunt 28, 76 Hamilton 31 Taylor 51 — Soloman 44
15,299

Yesterday
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 MILLWALL (0) 0
Shutt 39 — 9,377

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Charlton	14	5	2	0	10	2	3	3	1	7	6	29
2 Leicester	12	4	1	0	11	4	4	0	3	9	7	25
3 C Palace	12	5	2	0	14	3	2	1	2	9	8	24
4 Tranmere	14	5	1	1	14	8	2	2	3	12	10	24
5 Middlesbro	14	3	3	1	13	6	3	2	2	12	10	23
6 Derby	13	6	0	0	18	5	1	2	4	6	14	23
7 Southend	13	3	2	1	13	5	3	1	3	12	12	21
8 Birmingham	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	8	20
9 Portsmouth	14	4	2	1	12	8	0	5	2	9	14	19
10 Millwall	14	4	2	1	12	7	1	2	4	2	12	19
11 Watford	13	4	2	1	13	9	1	1	4	8	15	18
12 Stoke	13	3	0	3	9	9	2	3	2	11	13	18
13 Bristol City	14	4	1	2	9	6	1	2	4	7	12	18
14 Sunderland	13	5	1	1	12	4	0	1	5	2	14	17
15 Grimsby	14	2	4	1	9	4	1	3	3	10	13	16
16 Nottm Forest	13	3	3	1	12	9	1	1	4	6	10	16
17 West Brom	13	4	2	1	17	11	0	1	5	5	11	15
18 Wolves	13	2	3	1	10	7	1	3	3	8	10	15
19 Bolton	13	3	1	2	11	8	1	1	5	7	13	14
20 Notts Co	13	4	1	1	11	5	0	1	6	5	14	14
21 Luton	14	3	0	4	8	9	1	2	4	4	10	14
22 Barnsley	14	1	1	5	6	13	3	0	4	12	16	13
23 Peterboro	13	3	1	3	12	7	0	1	5	2	13	11
24 Oxford Utd	13	3	1	2	12	10	0	1	6	3	16	11

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: B Auckland 2 Buxton 1; Boston 4 Chorley 0; Colwyn Bay 1 Emley 0, Droylsden 1 Gainsborough 4; Hyde 1 Winsford 1; Knowsley 2 Barrow 0; Matlock 6 Fleetwood 1; Whitley Bay 3 Horwich 1. First division: Bamber Bridge 1 Farsley Celtic 1; Congleton 1 Goole 3; Curzon Ashton 4 Lancaster C 2; Eastwood T 0 Mossley 0; Harrogate 1 Caernarfon 1; Spennymoor 2 Alfreton 2; Warrington 1 Netherfield 0, Worksop 2 Workington 1 Presidents Cup: Gt Harwood 2 Accrington St 2; Guiseley 1 Marine 0; Leek 4 Gretna 0; Morecambe 1 Ashton 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester Le Street 3 Guisborough 2; Ferryhill 1 Consett 3; Hebburn 0 Brandon 4; Northallerton 2 Newcastle BS 0; Seaham Red Star 4 Stockton 2; Shildon 1 Murton 1; Tow Law 0 Billingham S 3; W Auckland 0 Blyth Sp 4; Whitby 1 Durham 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 1 Glasshoughton Wel 1; Hucknall 4 Winterton 2

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 4 Chadderton 1; Blackpool R 1 Bradford Pk Ave 1; Kidsgrove 2 Flixton 0; Maine Road (Man) 1 Eastwood Hanley 3; St Helens 3 Skelmersdale 0.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Watson 67 Griffiths 84 — 4,468
BOURNEMTH (1) 1 EXETER (1) 1
Wood 4 — Jepson 34
5,102
BRADFORD (0) 0 YORK (0) 0
6,729
BRENTFORD (0) 1 BARNET (0) 0
Allon 76 — 5,873
CAMB UTD (0) 0 BURNLEY (1) 1
4,826 — Eyres 1
CARDIFF (0) 2 HARTLPOOL (2) 2
Bird 52 Blake 70 (pen) — Johnrose 6 West 20
3,710
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 BRISTOL R (0) 0
Roberts 47 — 5,612
HULL (0) 0 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 1
5,246 — West 51
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 WREXHAM (0) 1
Barlow 90 — Bennett 77
6,977
READING (0) 1 FULHAM (0) 0
Quinn 74 — 7,020
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 PORT VALE (2) 2
4,786 — Taylor 3 Foyle 4
STOCKPORT (2) 4 SWANSEA (0) 0
Francis 30 (pen) Preece 43, 50, 57 — 4,641

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stockport	14	7	0	0	20	3	3	3	1	9	7	33
2 Reading	14	6	1	0	16	7	4	1	2	20	11	32
3 Burnley	14	6	1	0	19	6	2	0	5	7	11	25
4 Plymouth	14	5	1	1	16	8	2	2	3	11	13	24
5 Port Vale	14	4	2	1	16	9	3	1	3	9	9	24
6 Hull	14	4	2	1	12	6	3	1	3	12	14	24
7 Bristol R	14	4	2	1	12	7	3	1	3	7	8	24
8 Blackpool	14	5	1	1	12	7	2	1	4	12	14	23
9 Bournemth	13	3	3	1	10	7	3	2	1	7	4	23
10 Brentford	14	4	1	2	8	6	2	2	3	6	7	21
11 York	14	3	1	3	11	6	3	1	3	7	8	20
12 L Orient	14	3	2	2	10	8	3	0	4	8	13	20
13 Exeter	14	4	1	2	16	11	1	3	3	4	14	19
14 Swansea	14	4	2	1	12	7	1	2	4	4	11	19
15 Bradford	14	4	1	2	14	8	1	2	4	9	16	18
16 Camb Utd	14	3	1	3	10	9	2	2	3	10	14	18
17 Rotherham	14	2	2	3	9	11	2	3	2	9	10	17
18 Wrexham	14	4	2	1	19	10	0	2	5	3	15	18
19 Huddersfield	14	2	2	3	5	8	2	2	3	9	10	16
20 Hartlepool	14	2	1	4	5	7	1	2	4	6	10	12
21 Cardiff	13	1	2	3	12	13	1	3	3	8	14	11
22 Brighton	14	1	4	2	6	9	1	1	5	7	15	11
23 Fulham	14	0	2	5	4	11	2	1	4	6	8	9
24 Barnet	14	0	1	6	5	12	1	0	6	6	23	4

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0 Dulwich 1; Bromley 2 Kingstonian 2; Carshalton 1 Dorking 2; Enfield 1 Wokingham 0; Harrow 0 Aylesbury 1; Hayes 0 Wivenhoe 2; Hendon 2 Hitchin 4; Marlow 2 Molesey 1; St Albans 1 Yeading 1; Stevenage Borough 0 Chesham 0; Sutton Utd 1 Grays 0.
First division: Abingdon 0 Heybridge Swifts 0; Berkhamsted 0 Bishops Stortford 1; Bognor Regis 3 Leyton 2; Boreham Wood 3 Worthing 1; Chalfont St Peter 3 Windsor and Eton 0; Maidenhead 0 Walton and Hersham 1; Purfleet 2 Barking 1; Staines 4 Ruislip Manor 0; Tooting and Mitcham 6 Croydon 0; Uxbridge 0 Billericay 1; Wembley 1 Whyteleafe 4.
Second division: Banstead 0 Metropolitan Police 1; Hampton 1 Malden Vale 4; Saffron Walden 1 Rainham Town 0
Third division: Camberley Town 3 Horsham 1; Hertford Town 4 Epsom and Ewell 2; Kingsbury Town 1 East Thurrock Utd 0

Third division

CARLISLE (1) 2 WALSALL (1) 1
Reeves 19 Davey 90 — Lightbourne 45
4,216
CHESTER (0) 1 TORQUAY (0) 1
Bishop 70 — Trollope 46
2,563
CHESTRFLD (0) 2 CREWE (0) 0
A Morris 57 S Norris 68 — 3,501
DONCASTER (1) 2 NORTHMPTN (0) 1
Freeman 19 Roche 46 — Gilzean 63
2,227
GILLINGHAM (2) 3 COLCHESTR (0) 0
Green 17 Forster 40 Reinelt 90 — 3,984
HEREFORD (0) 2 PRESTON (2) 3
Pickard 84 Clark 88 — Moyes 15 Ellis 22, 62
3,383
ROCHDALE (0) 0 LINCOLN (0) 1
2,551 — Loughlin 63
SCARBORO (1) 1 BURY (0) 0
Young 2 — 1,879
SCUNTHRPE (1) 3 DARLINGTN (0) 0
Carmichael 37 (pen) Alexander 49 Trebble 52 — 3,025
WIGAN (2) 4 MANSFIELD (0) 1
Bavin 14, 71 Gillespie 20 Morton 82 — Clarke 52
1,434
WYCOMBE (1) 1 SHREWSBURY (0) 1
Scott 23 — Brown 67
5,064

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Preston	13	6	0	1	19	7	3	2	1	16	13	29
2 Crewe	13	6	1	0	18	6	2	2	2	9	9	27
3 Scunthorpe	13	3	2	1	15	5	3	2	2	7	4	22
4 Rochdale	13	4	1	2	13	4	2	2	2	10	8	21
5 Wycombe	13	2	2	2	8	10	3	4	0	13	10	21
6 Colchester	13	5	1	1	18	13	1	1	4	9	16	20
7 Chester	13	2	2	2	5	5	4	0	3	13	10	20
8 Walsall	13	2	3	2	9	9	3	2	1	5	3	20
9 Doncaster	13	3	1	2	8	7	3	1	3	6	7	20
10 Shrewsbury	13	3	1	2	8	7	2	2	3	10	13	18
11 Lincoln	13	2	2	3	10	14	3	1	2	8	7	18
12 Mansfield	13	3	1	2	8	9	2	2	3	9	14	18
13 Torquay	13	1	6	0	14	13	2	2	2	10	11	17
14 Gillingham	13	3	3	1	10	7	1	2	3	5	9	17
15 Bury	13	3	2	1	12	7	1	2	4	8	13	16
16 Chesterfield	13	3	1	3	11	9	2	0	4	7	16	16
17 Wigan	13	2	2	2	14	11	2	1	4	7	14	15
18 Carlisle	13	2	2	2	9	7	1	4	2	6	5	15
19 Scarboro	13	1	0	5	6	13	3	2	2	10	6	14
20 Hereford	13	2	1	4	15	11	1	1	4	9	20	11
21 Northmptn	13	2	2	2	8	6	0	2	5	8	20	10
22 Darlingtn	13	0	3	4	3	9	0	2	4	4	10	5

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Second Round: Oxford Utd 3 Portsmouth 2. First division: Arsenal 1 Ipswich 2; Cambridge Utd 1 Watford 2; Charlton 0 West Ham 5; Fulham 1 Q.P.R. 2; Millwall 0 Chelsea 5; Norwich P Leyton Orient P; Southend 1 Gillingham 0. Second division: Bournemouth 1 Luton 2; Brentford 1 Brighton 0; Bristol Rovers 2 Crystal Palace 3; Colchester 0 Reading 2; Southampton 3 Wimbledon 2; Tottenham 3 Swindon 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 1 Chertsey 2, Glyn 1 Ignatians 2; Meadonians 3 Aloysians 1. First division: Clapham 3 Tenisonians Res 0; Phoenix 5 Isleworthians 3. Second division: Ignatians Res 3 Meadonians Res 1. Third division: Aloysians 0 Hamptonians 0; Alpertonians 5 Highburians 7; Dorking 0 Sinjuns 3.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (2) 2 HALIFAX (2) 2
Noble 16 (pen) Boyle 39 — Patterson 26 Peake 34
712
KETTERING (1) 1 ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
Roderick 39 — 1,681
MERTHYR (1) 5 NORTHWICH (0) 0
Coates 5 Holtham 60 Rogers 75, 83 (pen) Drewitt 80 — 602
RUNCORN (1) 2 WELLING (1) 4
Brabin 13 Thomas 87 — Brown 9 Robbins 50, 90 Reynolds 54
572
SLOUGH (0) 1 KIDDRMNSTR (2) 5
Walker 80 — Forsyth 20 Humphreys 44, 81, 83 Purdie 58
1,191
SOUTHPORT (2) 3 DOVER (2) 2
Haw 18, 43 Gamble 90 — Milton 16 Browne 31
1,569
STAFFORD (2) 2 MACCLSFLD (1) 3
Simpson 17 (pen) Burr 33 — Alford 37, 53, 54
1,249
STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 BROMSGROVE (1) 2
586 — Crisp 35 Shilvock 80
WITTON (1) 1 DAGENHAM R (0) 1
Burke 29 — Blackford 64
692
WOKING (0) 0 TELFORD (0) 0
1,753
YEOVIL (0) 0 GATESHEAD (1) 2
2,787 — Farrey 40 48

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Kiddrmnstr	15	6	1	1	11	3	3	0	4	11	13	28
2 Southport	14	4	3	1	14	10	3	2	1	12	8	26
3 Kettering	12	3	3	0	5	2	3	2	1	7	2	23
4 Slough	14	5	1	1	15	9	1	3	3	2	5	22
5 Dover	12	6	0	0	15	2	1	0	5	8	11	21
6 Stafford	13	5	0	2	17	9	1	3	2	8	11	21
7 Yeovil	15	4	2	2	12	6	1	3	3	9	14	20
8 Welling	12	2	2	2	5	6	3	2	1	8	4	19
9 Woking	14	4	2	2	14	11	1	2	3	4	12	19
10 Bath	13	2	3	3	16	13	2	3	0	7	2	18
11 Dagenhm R	11	4	1	0	13	5	1	2	3	4	9	18
12 Runcorn	13	4	1	2	16	11	0	4	2	8	13	17
13 Merthyr	13	2	4	0	11	5	1	3	3	8	11	16
14 Macclesfld	14	3	1	3	9	8	2	0	5	8	18	16
15 Witton	15	3	3	2	10	9	0	2	5	3	12	14
16 Northwich	12	1	4	0	5	4	2	1	4	4	13	14
17 Bromsgrove	11	1	3	2	6	8	2	1	2	9	10	13
18 Halifax	14	1	4	1	10	5	1	3	4	12	19	13
19 Altrincham	13	2	2	2	4	4	1	2	4	4	8	13
20 Gateshead	11	1	2	1	5	4	2	1	4	8	12	12
21 Stalybridge	10	1	1	3	3	7	0	4	1	2	3	8
22 Telford	11	0	2	2	5	8	1	2	4	5	14	7

WORLD CUP: Qualifying play-off: First leg: Australia 1 Argentina 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Nat West Bank 2 Midland Bank 2; Winchmore Hill 3 Old Actonians 1; Crouch End Vampires 3 Norseman 0; Old Parmiterians 1 Old Lyonians 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Carthusians 1 Reptonians 0; Etonians 1 Brentwoods 1. First division: Bradfieldians 2 Westminsters 0, Harrovians 3 Wykehamists 2; Wittelans 0 Wellingburians 5.

FA VASE: First round: Tring Town 5 Hatfield Town 2; Leverstock Green 1 Brimsdown Rovers 2; Burnham 0 Hemel Hempstead 1 (aet), Concord Rangers 0 Letchworth G C 2.

Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (0) 1 DUNDEE (0) 0
Shearer 82 — 12,500
DUNDEE UTD (0) 2 ST JOHNSTNE (0) 0
Brewster 53 McKinlay 68 — 6,275
HIBERNIAN (0) 0 HEARTS (1) 2
18,952 — Colquhoun 40, 56
MOTHERWLL (0) 2 KILMARNCK (1) 2
Kirk 57 Martin 78 — Mitchell 45 Porteous 51
7,384
PARTICK (1) 1 RAITH (0) 1
Craig 25 — Cameron 64
4,774
RANGERS (0) 1 CELTIC (0) 2
McCoist 67 — Collins 70 O'Neil 90
47,522

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aberdeen	14	5	2	0	10	1	1	4	2	7	8	18
2 Hibernian	13	4	2	1	10	6	2	2	2	8	6	16
3 Motherwell	13	3	3	1	11	7	3	1	2	5	6	16
4 Kilmarnock	14	2	4	1	7	5	2	3	2	7	7	15
5 Celtic	13	1	4	1	4	4	3	2	2	11	8	14
6 Rangers	13	3	1	3	10	9	2	3	1	7	6	14
7 Hearts	14	4	1	1	6	3	1	3	4	3	7	14
8 Dundee Utd	14	2	4	1	7	6	1	4	2	6	9	14
9 Partick	14	3	2	2	10	7	0	5	2	9	12	13
10 St Jhnstne	14	3	2	2	11	9	0	4	3	3	10	12
11 Raith	14	1	5	1	9	11	1	2	4	7	14	11
12 Dundee	14	2	3	2	8	7	0	0	7	2	10	7

FA VASE (continued): Ware 0 Arlesey Town 1 (aet); Cheshunt 1 Royston Town 1 (aet); Hornchurch 4 Leighton Town 0; Harefield Utd 0 Aveley 3, Shillington 2 Burnham Ramblers 0; Clapton 0 Barton Rovers 1; Northwood 1 Stotfold 0; Collier Row 4 Rayners Lane 1 (aet); Potton Utd 0 Ford Utd 0 (aet); Ashford Town (Middx) 0 Bedfont 2; Burgess Hill Town 2 Chatham Town 0; Newhaven 2 Tonbridge 3; Croydon Athletic 3 Littlehampton Town 1 (aet); Arundel 0 Lewes 3; Sheppey Utd 0 Corinthian Casuals 2, Portfield 2 Oakwood 0; Alma Swanley 0 Tunbridge Wells 1; Crowborough Ath 2 Slade Green 0; Hanwell Town 2 Lancing 3; Corinthian 0 Whitehawk 3; Wick 3 Hailsham Town 1; Godalming and Guildford 2 Chipstead 2; Bracknell Town 3 Folkestone Invicta 0, Herne Bay 3 Horsham Y M C A 0; Cove 1 Eastleigh 3; Newbury Town 2 Sandhurst Town 0; Lymington 0 Thame Utd 2; Hungerford *Town 2 Melksham Town 3; North Leigh 3* Christchurch 1; Peppard 1 Oxford City 0; Ryde Sports 0 Andover 3, Milton Utd 4 Calne Town 2; First Tower Utd 1 Sherborne Town 0; Thatcham Town 0 Aldershot Town 1; St Blazey 3 Chard Town 1; Chippenham Town 2 Torpoint Athletic 2, Yate Town 2 Cirencester Town 1; Saltash Utd 1 Barnstaple Town 1; Mangotsfield Utd 3 Minehead 1; Larkhall Athletic 0 Frome Town 1; Bishop Sutton 1 Bideford 2; Elmore 2 Torrington 1; Taunton Town 2 Keynsham Town 0; Bridport 1 Falmouth Town 2: ; Friar Lane O B 1 Cogenhoe Utd 1 (aet); Northampton Spencer 3 Walsall Wood 0; Arnold Town 3 Boldmere St Michaels 0; Bridgnorth Town 1 Lye Town 0; Westfields 1 R C Warwick 0; Armitage 90 1 Chatteris Town 2; Raunds Town 5 Stapenhill 2; Chasetown 3 Long Buckby 1; Dunkirk 4 Rushall Olympic 4 (aet); Rocester 4 West Bromwich Town 2, Hinckley Town 0 Oadby Town 3; Holwell Sports 1 Paget Rangers 1 (aet), Oldbury Utd 3 Alvechurch 3 (aet); March Town Utd 4 Witham Town 0, Spalding Utd 1 Sawbridgeworth Town 5; Lowestoft Town 10 Brantham Ath 1; Harwich and Parkeston 2 Newmarket Town 3 (aet); Boston 2 Mirrlees Blackstone 1; Haverhill Rovers 2 Tilbury 1; Kings Lynn 2 Gt Yarmouth Town 1 (aet); Stowmarket Town 2 Soham Town R 5; Halstead Town 5 Histon 0.

First division

AYR (0) 1 CLYDE (0) 0
McGivern 67 — 1,765
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 DUMBARTON (0) 1
Henry 35 Thomson 81 (pen) — Walker 58
1,412
DUNFRMLNE (2) 4 BRECHIN (0) 0
Laing 8 Sinclair 10 Smith 60 McCathie 80 — 3,195
HAMILTON (1) 3 AIRDRIE (0) 2
Ward 17 Clark 57, 58 (pen) — Honor 56 (pen) Lawrence 62
2,459
MORTON (1) 1 ST MIRREN (1) 2
Baker (og) 2 — McIntyre 24 Orr 65
3,174
STIRLING (1) 3 FALKIRK (2) 4
Watters 17, 70 McInnes 80 — Cadette 3 Sloan 30 Weir 50 Duffield 54
2,500

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Clydebank	15	4	2	1	12	7	5	2	1	17	6	22
2 Airdrie	15	5	3	0	15	6	4	0	3	11	9	21
3 Falkirk	15	5	0	2	11	8	4	3	1	15	7	21
4 Dunfermline	15	6	0	2	22	9	3	1	3	9	8	19
5 Hamilton	15	4	2	2	15	9	2	2	3	7	13	16
6 Ayr	15	3	3	2	8	9	3	1	3	6	6	16
7 Stirling	15	4	1	2	12	9	2	1	5	9	17	14
8 St Mirren	15	2	1	4	7	10	2	4	2	11	12	13
9 Dumbarton	15	2	2	4	10	11	3	0	4	10	11	12
10 Clyde	15	3	1	3	8	7	1	1	6	5	13	10
11 Morton	15	2	3	3	11	14	0	3	4	6	16	10
12 Brechin	15	2	1	4	4	9	0	1	7	2	17	6

Second division

ALLOA (0) 1 QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1
Newbigging 70 (pen) — Orr 5
545
EAST FIFE (0) 1 ARBROATH (0) 0
Scott 52 — 860
E STIRLING (1) 2 STRANRAER (1) 2
Geraghty 35 McDonald 61 — Cody 30 Sloan 47
414
FORFAR (1) 3 COWDNBTH (1) 2
Heddle 15, 84 Winter 55 (pen) — Young 38 Hunter 64
446
MEADOWBNK (0) 3 STENHSEMR (0) 1
Brock 47 Bailey 60 Little 78 — Roseburgh 62 (pen)
261
MONTROSE (1) 1 ALBION (0) 0
Kennedy 2 — 491
QN OF STH (0) 2 BERWICK (1) 5
Thomson 54 McGuire 77 — Hall 30 Neil 47, 70 Irvine 51 Banks 67
782

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Meadwbnk	13	3	3	1	10	6	4	1	1	8	2	18
2 Stranraer	13	5	0	1	14	8	3	2	2	7	5	18
3 Alloa	13	3	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	11	7	17
4 Stenhsemr	13	4	2	0	11	4	3	0	4	7	12	16
5 Qn Of South	13	3	0	4	14	11	3	3	0	13	7	15
6 East Fife	13	4	1	2	12	7	3	0	3	8	9	15
7 Berwick	13	3	2	1	13	5	2	2	3	11	10	14
8 Montrose	13	2	1	3	4	6	3	2	2	13	11	13
9 Forfar	13	2	2	4	8	12	2	1	2	8	7	11
10 Albion	13	1	2	3	4	6	2	2	3	8	9	10
11 Cowdnbth	13	0	1	5	7	13	3	2	2	11	12	9
12 Arbroath	13	1	2	3	10	13	2	1	4	6	10	9
13 East Stirling	13	1	1	5	10	17	2	2	2	8	10	9
14 Queen's Pk	13	2	2	2	8	10	0	2	5	4	19	8

FA VASE (continued): Gt Wakering 4 Cornard 1; Edgware 1 Feltham and Hounslow 0; Whickham 3 Billingham T 2; Harrogate Rly 1 Pickering 4; Penrith 2 Eppleton C W 1 (aet); Esh Winning 2 S Shields 7, Willington 0 Prudhoe East E 1, Ponteland 2 Seaton Delaval Ams 1 (aet), Crook 1 Evenwood 0; Eccleshill 1 Belper 2; Prescot 2 Hallam 0; Rossendale 2 Bootle 4; Vauxhall 2 Denaby 1; Salford 0 Res Parkgate 0 (aet); Liversedge 4 N Ferriby 1; Thackley 0 Stocksbridge P S 0 (aet), Pontefract Colls 2 Maltby M W 4. Mersey Pol 5 Louth 4, Ossett Alb 1 Sheffield 1 (aet); Bacup Boro 1 Clitheroe 1 (aet); Lincoln U 2 Darwen 0; Kimberley 1 Nantwich 2 (aet); Yorkshire Ams 1 Armthorpe Wel 0; Newcastle T 3 Glossop NE 4; Radcliffe Boro 2 N Trafford 0; Maghull 0 Ilkeston 1.

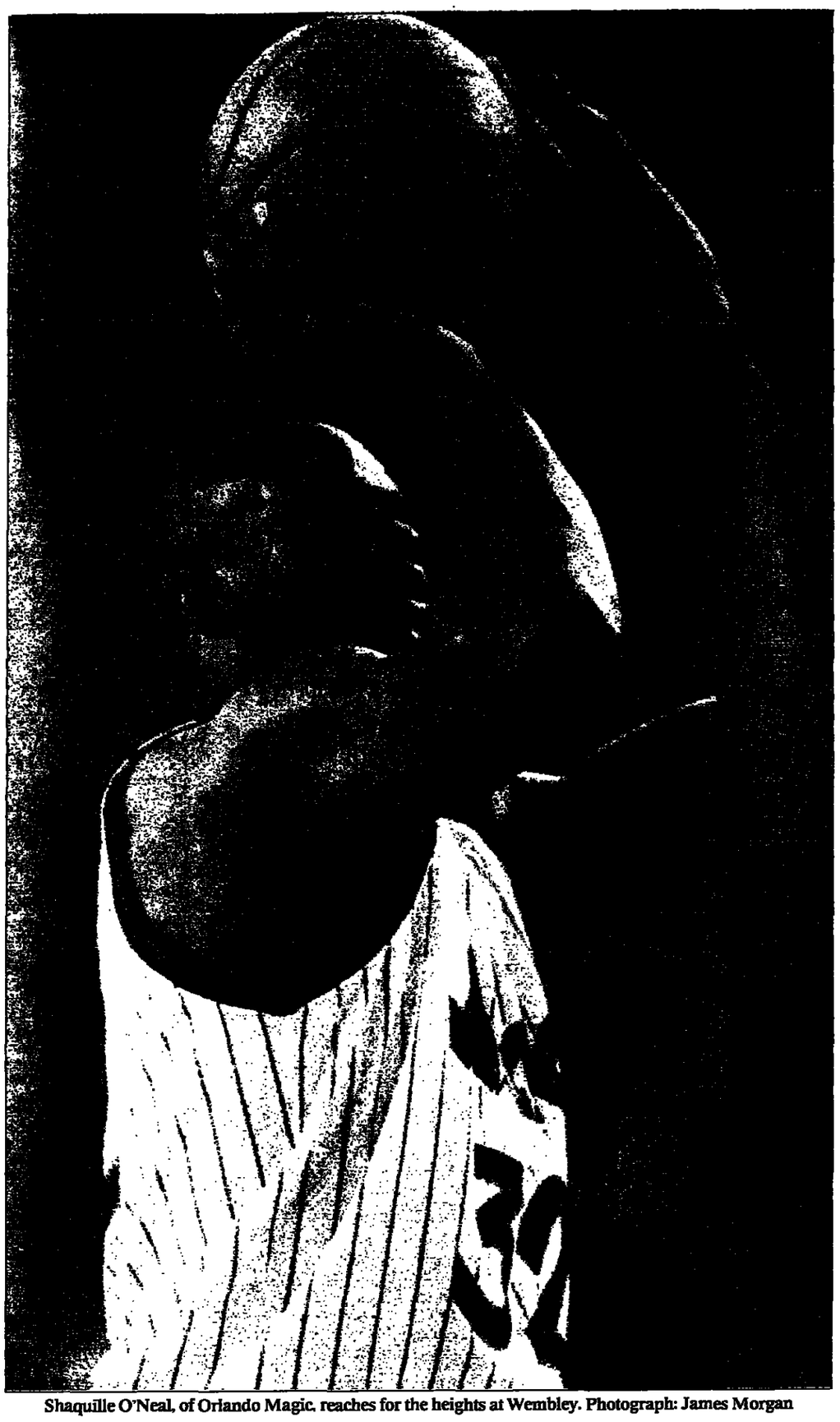
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FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23, 23½ and 24pts and jackpot dividend forecast for 24pts.

Overpaid, overhyped, over here

Stuart Jones feels the giants of basketball sold short a full house at Wembley Arena



Shaquille O'Neal, of Orlando Magic, reaches for the heights at Wembley. Photograph: James Morgan

The National Basketball Association's inaugural exhibition in Britain could not be taken seriously. Any semblance of dignity and decorum was instantly removed when the first of two games between the Orlando Magic and the Atlanta Hawks at Wembley Arena over the weekend was preceded by a bizarre cameo performance by Gary Glitter.

Nobody could fathom at the time the tasteless choice of an ageing warbler, attired in a ridiculous toupee and poured into a bulging silver suit. The only show he was evidently promoting was his own, to be held in the same arena next month.

Yet, Glitter was a deceptively appropriate warm-up man. The events which filled the rest of Saturday evening formed less of a sporting occasion, more a combination of a freak show, a circus act and children's theatre. If the package truly represented the NBA, the United States can keep it.

Of the American sports to be foisted recently upon the European market, basketball may have the greatest potential in spite of its shortcomings. A foundation is already in place. Spectators are comparably knowledgeable and sophisticated. They do not need to be treated, as they were at Wembley, like imbeciles.

From the irritatingly superfluous commentary of David Jensen, seemingly the resident announcer on such spurious occasions, to the supposedly entertaining sideshows, the presentation was gratuitously infantile. The product was not enhanced. It was instead largely lost amid the offensive hype, generating an atmosphere as false as the dried ice masquerading as smoke.

Although the game featured the world's most highly and obscenely paid athlete, a living monument to gargantuan physical attributes known as Shaquille O'Neal, a crowd of 9,483 was subjected to distractions during each moment of every break. Music blared, gifts were catapulted into the crowd, competitions were staged and frolicking team mascots made idiots of themselves. The barrage of banality was incessant.

It can be no coincidence that America's principal sports — their versions of football, ice hockey, baseball and basketball — are all designed not only for television but also to be broken into small segments of play. The undivided attention span of the watching public is plainly measured in seconds rather than minutes.

The main courts during the US Open at Flushing Meadow are surrounded by people on the move. The tennis there is regarded as incidental. Equally, the Magic and the Hawks were bit, albeit uncommonly tall, players on a stage that was never left empty even during time-outs.

It is tempting to assume that, in the opinion of the presenters, the basketball would not on its own be sufficiently captivating. If so, they were correct. Pre-season affairs are inevitably less than compelling, especially in a sport that has virtually no defence. The Magic scored, the Hawks scored, the Magic scored ... the Magic won 120-95.

Even O'Neal was a disappointment. At 7ft 1in and 21 stone, a huge disappointment. Plodding around in trainers that could have accommodated a lightweight four on the Thames, he appeared to be merely fulfilling a contractual duty. At an estimated overall value of $100 million from various companies over the next five years, he has more than some of those.

The motivation of this 21-year-old is already being questioned. Instead of honing an overtly raw talent, his time is being spent recording rap songs, featuring in numerous advertisements and preparing for his first venture into a film career. To fill the void left by Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan, he is unashamedly the marketing men's dream.

The centrepiece of a show that could have attracted a crowd four times as large, according to the organisers, he is an artifice.

On his massive shoulders rests the immediate future of an entertainment conglomerate that grosses some $2 billion a year. Even the NBA's commissioner, David Stern, has been quoted as comparing his organisation to Disney. Hence O'Neal's admission that he is a cross between the Terminator and Bambi. All that glitters, though, was not gold.

Tigers lose Obaseki but Bears fail to capitalise

By Nicholas Harling

NOTHING, not even the distraction of top Americans, at Wembley, could stop the Budweiser League basketball fixtures going ahead at the weekend when one team, more than any other, displayed a determination not to be upstaged. One week after they overwhelmed last season's cup winners, Guildford Kings, by 20 points, Thames Valley Tigers accounted for the league champions, Worthing Bears, by 19, on the south coast.

That the Tigers had lost their centre, Mike Obaseki, in the midweek win at Birmingham, with a broken nose, made their 104-85 success against the Bears all the more remarkable.

"It was even better than last week," Mike Bett, the Tigers coach, said. "Considering we were without Obaseki, it ranks as one of the best performances I have seen." Bett's Tigers ran the Bears into the court, where they had not lost since a previous visit by Tigers, over a year ago.

Nigel Lloyd's 25 points helped the Tigers to seize an early initiative, which was conceded to the rampaging Colin Irish, whose 20 points before the interval included four of the game's nine three-pointers.

Tigers led 50-42 at the interval, with Peter Scantlebury (29) and Tony Holly (24) collecting most of their points. They extended their advantage after Scantlebury had subdued Irish, who could add only five more points before fouling out with six minutes left.

"Nothing was more frustrating than the way we lost," Steve Nelson said. Nelson, a Worthing forward, hopes to join Tigers this week. "When Colin went off, it looked like the general feeling was 'That's it, we've lost'."

"When Obaseki's there, they don't look to me but tonight they came to me," Holly, the American centre, said. "It was good to produce." Holly has obviously produced more than his old Doncaster coach, Curtis Xavier, who has become the Budweiser league's first dismissal.

Sympathy was not too forthcoming from the man he let go. "Curtis is his own worst enemy," Holly said. " He didn't have a lot of allies."

Guildford Kings put the misery of Thursday's European championship debacle against Mechelen behind them by defeating London Towers 102-76. The Kings took charge of the second half, although they were without Alton Byrd, Martin Henlan and Paul Richards. Carl Miller hit 22 points. Tracy Pearson scored 18 before fouling out with a word too many to the officials.

Oldham Celtics won the fixture of the clubs propping up the table without a win previously between them, beating Hemel Hempstead Royals 82-79.

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New Zealanders facing fourth successive defeat

By Our Sports Staff

THE New Zealanders are struggling to avoid a fourth successive defeat on their cricket tour of Australia after collapsing to 167 for six on the third day of their four-day match against New South Wales at Newcastle yesterday.

Set a second-innings target of 246 to beat the Sheffield Shield holders, the touring team lost all their specialist batsmen before the close. With four wickets in hand, they require a further 79 runs for victory.

The match turned the way of New South Wales in the five minutes before the close. Rutherford, well set on 47, tried to hook a slow, looping bouncer from the medium-pacer, McNamara, and edged to Emery, the wicketkeeper.

Until that moment, the New Zealanders looked in a good position to achieve their first win of the tour. They can still win on a pitch offering some help to the bowlers, but much will depend on Tony Blain, who spent 41 minutes getting off the mark.

Earlier, the New Zealanders pushed themselves into a relatively strong position by taking the last five New South Wales second-innings wickets for 48 runs in 15 overs.

Danny Morrison finished with the excellent figures of six for 54 while Dipak Patel picked up three wickets in successive overs to end the match with nine for 122.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings 229 for 8 dec (S R Waugh 88, M E Waugh 63, G Bevan 56, D N Patel 8 for 87)

Second Innings

M J Slater c Blain b Morrison	19
*M A Taylor c Pocock b Morrison	30
S R Waugh lbw b Morrison	1
M E Waugh b Morrison	1
M G Bevan c Pocock b Patel	14
G R J Matthews c Crowe b Morrison	0
B E McNamara c Crowe b Patel	12
†P A Emery c Rutherford b Patel	5
P J S Alley b Morrison	0
G McGrath not out	9
M R Whitney absent injured	
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total	109

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-36, 3-44, 4-55, 5-69, 6-82, 7-88, 8-91, 9-109.

BOWLING: Morrison 17-4-54-6, Watson 6-2-17-0, Patel 10-2-35-3.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First Innings

B A Pocock run out	28
B A Young c M Waugh b Whitney	6
A H Jones lbw b McGrath	0
*M D Crowe c Emery b McNamara	15
K R Rutherford c McGrath b Matthews	47
D N Patel b Matthews	5
†T E Blain c Bevan b Matthews	9
M L Su'a c Slater b McNamara	0
D K Morrison not out	6
S B Doull c sub b McNamara	0
W Watson b Matthews	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 5, w 1)	7
Total	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-19, 4-110, 5-133, 6-136, 7-139, 8-154, 9-154

BOWLING: McGrath 18-8-26-1 (nb 4), Whitney 6-4-4-1, McNamara 14.5-2-39-3, Alley 9-2-43-0 (w 1, nb 1), Matthews 15.5-4-52-4, M Waugh 2-0-2-0, S Waugh 5-1-6-0

Second Innings

B A Young c Taylor b M E Waugh	43
B A Pocock lbw b McGrath	0
A H Jones c Emery b Matthews	12
*M D Crowe c Slater b McGrath	15
K R Rutherford c Emery b McNamara	47
D N Patel b Matthews	5
†T E Blain not out	9
M L Su'a not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 5)	8
Total (6 wkts)	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-72, 3-106, 4-106, 5-127, 6-167.

BOWLING: McGrath 15-4-30-2 (nb 3), Alley 15-3-38-0 (nb 2), M E Waugh 6-3-8-1, McNamara 9-4-17-1, Matthews 26-5-67-2, Bevan 1-0-3-0

Pakistan openers cane Sri Lanka

A 171-run opening stand between Saeed Anwar and Asif Mujtaba paved the way for Pakistan to crush Sri Lanka by 114 runs in the Sharjah Trophy on Saturday. Sri Lanka never theatened the World Cup holders imposing 50-over total of 313 for 3, finishing on 199 for 7.

Asif anchored the innings with an unbeaten 113 off 138 balls while Saeed blazed his way to 107 off 109 balls, with six sixes and ten fours, before Arjuna Ranatunga, the seventh bowler used, had him caught in the covers in the 32nd over.

Inzamam-ul-Haq ensured the momentum was maintained after Saeed's dismissal with a brisk 37 off 35 balls.

Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, removed the openers, Mahanama and Gurusinha, leg-before to leave Sri Lanka struggling on 24 for 2. Jayasuriya grafted his way to 58 but the Sri Lankans never reached a position from which to mount a realistic challenge.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Muralitharan b Ranatunga	107
Asif Mujtaba not out	113
Inzamam-ul-Haq b Ramanayake	37
*Wasim Akram b Ramanayake	15
Basit Ali not out	20
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 4)	12
Total (3 wkts, 50 overs)	313

Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, †Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ata-ur-Rehman and Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-171, 2-247, 3-270

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 10-2-59-0, Ramanayake 10-1-54-2, Gurusinha 4-1-22-0, Kalpage 10-0-83-0, Muralitharan 6-0-42-0, Jayasuriya 3-0-31-0, Ranatunga 7-0-38-1

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama lbw b Wasim	1
A P Gurusinha lbw b Wasim	6
S T Jayasuriya c Inzamam b Mushtaq	58
P A de Silva run out	14
H P Tillekaratne c Saeed b Salim	20
*A Ranatunga c Rashid b Mushtaq	24
†R S Kaluwitharana c Wasim b Asif	31
R S Kalpage not out	16
H C P Ramanayake not out	14
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 7, nb 1)	15
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	199

G P Wickremasinghe and M D Muralitharan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-26, 3-53, 4-103, 5-114, 6-145, 7-173

BOWLING: Wasim 8-1-21-2; Aqib 3-0-15-0, Ata-ur 8-1-35-0; Salim 10-0-44-1, Mushtaq 10-1-45-2, Asif 9-0-28-1, Basit 2-0-4-0

Man of the match: Asif Mujtaba.

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder (England).

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Happy return to south for Wasps

By Norman de Mesquita

DURHAM Wasps finished bottom of British ice hockey's premier division last season and, in one disgraceful display, against Romford Raiders, caused the game to be abandoned because they had so many men in the penalty box that they could not ice a legal line-up.

On Saturday, they ventured south of the Trent for the first time since that unhappy evening and showed that they are once again a formidable force. They beat Basingstoke Beavers 11-4 in a game that featured much good hockey and only two minor penalties.

The Wasps have recruited astutely during the summer and in their three new imports have players who are unlikely to become legends but who seem committed, judging by the high quality of play exhibited on Saturday. In contrast, the Beavers are some way below last season's high-class and entertaining team that gained promotion so easily and could find the premier divison something of a trial.

Murrayfield Racers travelled to meet Whitley Warriors boasting a 100 per cent record and, only 6-4 behind at the end of the second period, were not without hope of maintaining it. But the Warriors scored eight times without reply in the final period.

Fife Flyers, with a 10-1 win over Peterborough Pirates, moved to the top of the division. Cardiff Devils, who beat Bracknell Bees 9-3, join Murrayfield on the eight-point mark.

The Pirates are still without a home venue, but they do at least now have access rights to the East of England Ice Rink and a number of organisations and individuals are rallying round in attempting to help the team to survive.

Slough Jets continue to dominate the southern conference of the first division and their 5-3 win over Romford Raiders was their seventh in as many games.

Telford Tigers top the northern conference, but were surprisingly held to a 7-7 draw by lowly Lee Valley Lions, who climbed off the cellar with that point.

Chelmsford Chieftains are now bottom, having lost 11-9 to Paisley Pirates, but it was a Chelmsford player who took the individual honours, Rick Smith scored six of Chieftains' goals. Scott Morrison took the premier division honours, scoring six and assisting on two of Whitley's goals.

RESULTS: British League: Premier division: Basingstoke 4, Durham 11; Cardiff 9, Bracknell 3; Fife 10, Norwich and Peterborough 1, Nottingham 6, Sheffield 7, Billingham 3, Humberside 7; Whitley Bay 14, Murrayfield 4. First division: Solihull 7, Blackburn 10; Paisley 11, Chelmsford 9; Swindon 14, Dumfries 7; Telford 7, Lee Valley 7, Slough 5, Romford 3, Trafford 14, Oxford 6

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Giles Heathcote Whittome of 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB is a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require; or
On the two business days falling next before the day on which the Meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB being a place in the relevant locality.
Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security), lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB before the Meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated this 19th day of October 1993.
By Order of the Board of Directors
A.M.W. Bens, Director

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Members
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1249292.
Name of company: John Edmondson Limited. Nature of business: Motor Sales. Address or registered office: Trevlot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Members Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder nos: 009865. Date of appointment: 6 October 1993. By whom appointed: The Members. Date: 6 October 1993.

THE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES COURT (SCOTLAND)
In re Aberdeen Solicitors' Property Centre Limited and Others
The Director General of Fair Trading has nominated RICHARD CAMERON SHERRIFFS, 18 Bon Accord Square, Aberdeen to be the representative respondent for the Aberdeen Solicitors' Property Centre Limited, the Aberdeen Solicitors' Property Centre and the members of the Aberdeen Solicitors' Property Centre and the occasional peers of the Aberdeen Solicitors Property Centre in the reference to the Restrictive Practices Court (Scotland) ("the Court") by the Director General of Fair Trading, pursuant to section 1(3) of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976, of the agreement numbered 82161 on the Register of Agreements compiled and maintained under section 1(2) of the Act.
Any person or association who wishes to object to being represented by the said Richard Cameron Sherriffs may apply by notice in writing to the Court within 28 days of the date of this advertisement for an order revoking or modifying the nomination in accordance with Rule 6 of the Restrictive Practices Court Rules 1976 (SI 1976/1897).
A J Coull, Solicitor
Agent for Director General of Fair Trading
New St Andrew's House
Edinburgh
22 October 1993.

Asgark Leisure Products Ltd
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at P O Box 585, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 12nd Floor, London, W2 6LF, on 10th November 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 at sea.
A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 585, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 26th October 1993
Michael John Parker, Director

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Cloverly Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number: FC 015788
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with s48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held on 19 November 1993 at 11.00 a.m.
In accordance with rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor is entitled to vote only if:
a) Details of the debt claimed are submitted to the receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting, and
b) Where the creditor cannot attend in person a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the receivers before the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Unsecured creditors may request a free copy of the administrative receivers' report to be sent to them.
Claims, proofs or requests should be sent to the administrative receivers at Touche Ross & Co. at the address below.
Dated: 26 October 1993
For and on behalf of
Cloverly Limited
N R Lyle & D L Morgan
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co.
P.O. Box 810, Friary Court,
65 Crutched Friars,
London EC3N 2NP

M & M SERVICES LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the Avon Gorge Hotel, Sion Hill, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4LQ on the 15th day of November 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Forms of proxy to be used at the meeting, must be lodged with the company at the offices of Bloy Hayward, Oakfield House, Oakfield Grove, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2BN not later than 12 noon on 12 November 1993.
Mr Peter W Ewer of Bloy Hayward, Oakfield House, Oakfield Grove, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2BN is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company in accordance with Section 98(2a) of the Act and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Date 27/10/93
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.E. Vowles, DIRECTOR.

Rule 4.106 of
The Insolvency Act 1986
POLLBREAK LTD T/A Whitaker Shop Fitters - In Liquidation
TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, Nigel J Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co. Terrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD and Robin M Addy of Cork Gully, Oriel House, 58 Sheep Street, Northampton NN1 2NF were appointed Joint Liquidators of Pollbreak Limited T/A Whitaker Shop Fitters by a resolution of the meeting of the company's creditors held on 8th October 1993. DATED this 14th day of October 1993
N J Hamilton-Smith and R M Addy, Joint Liquidators.

CANEM SYSTEMS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held at: Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ on 12 November 1993 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at either, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ or 30 High Street, Wendover, Buckinghamshire HP22 6EA on 10 November 1993 and 11 November 1993.
DATED 21 October 1993
By order of the Board
R. Langdon, Director/Secretary

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Charity - Webb Orphans' Fund
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference TF 25958/52/00LAN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

The Royal Masonic Hospital
Ravenscourt Park,
London W6 0TN
Tel: 081 748 4611
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Hospital will be held at the Lyric Theatre, King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 0QL on Thursday 2nd December 1993 at 12 noon for the transaction of the following business:
1. To receive Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th June 1992.
2. To receive audited Annual accounts for the year ended 30th June 1992 and to receive the Report of the Board of Management.
3. To receive draft unaudited Annual accounts for the year ended 30th June 1993.
4. Election of Honorary Officers.
5. Election of Auditors.
6. Re-election of members of Board of Management.
7. Election of members of Board of Management.
NOTICE OF THE ABOVE MEETING IS GIVEN BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
E. James Davies,
Secretary to the Board
Date 21 October 1993
Grand Patrons, Grand Vice-Patrons, Patrons, Vice Patrons, Life Governors, Life Subscribers and duly appointed Representatives of Subscribing Lodges being Freemasons are entitled to attend the meeting.

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Clive Davis meets the man who is bringing Toad, Badger and Water Rat back to life in a new sequel to *The Wind in the Willows*

Return to a much-loved river bank



SIMON WALKER

William Horwood: "If I had tried to write it in exactly the same way as Grahame I think people would have said 'This isn't very well told' "

Kenneth Grahame was a methodical gentleman, a public servant and part-time author who rose to be Secretary of the Bank of England. William Horwood, a former financial journalist, shares some of the same orderly traits. The modern one-bedroom apartment in the centre of Oxford that he uses as an office has the pristine, manicured look of a Wimpy showhouse. Pinned to the door is a graph which charts the number of words produced in the writing of his latest book, a sequel to *The Wind in the Willows*.

Sequels, sequels, everywhere. Leafing through the publishers' catalogues, you could be forgiven for thinking that every author is tapping away at a follow-up to some revered classic. *Rebecca* and *Gone With The Wind* have already been recycled; so has *Pride and Prejudice* (courtesy of Emma Tennant's *Pemberley*); while Edith Wharton's unfinished novel, *The Buccaneers*, has been rounded off by Marion Mainwaring.

Sinclair-Stevenson even promise us, next year, the return of Soames's feuding offspring in *The Forsyte Reprise*. With sequel-mania spreading from Hollywood to literary London, *Private Eye* caught the mood with a cartoon showing a jaded publisher hurrying off to commission Dombey and Grandson.

The news that Badger, Water Rat, Mole and the boastful, but strangely lovable Mr Toad were to return to the river bank yet again has prompted more groans among the cynics. After all, Kenneth Grahame, who died in 1932, always resisted calls to write a further instalment. "Sequels," he once explained, "are often traps which the wise author does well to avoid."

So is this another conspiracy by desperate accountants in baggy suits? Apparently not. As William Horwood describes it, it appears to be one of those quaint, old-fashioned stories of a novelist dreaming up a good idea without the help of editors or publicists. And having spent more than a decade writing the *Duncton Chronicles*, a bulky, six-novel saga about — yes — moles, Horwood felt as well qualified as anyone to bring Grahame's rural idyll back to life.



Toad: on the run again

Yet even before its publication, Horwood's sequel has aroused controversy. Another author, Dixon Scott, who himself published a follow-up to *The Wind in the Willows* (entitled *A Fresh Wind in the Willows*) ten years ago, is reported to have said that the new book "bears a remarkable resemblance" to his own.

Horwood says he first decided to write his sequel about two years ago, after he took the ashes of his recently deceased parents to Holywell Church in Oxford and came across Kenneth Grahame's grave. Having loved *The Wind in the Willows* since he was a child — and, like Grahame, having spent much of his childhood in Oxford — he could not help being struck by the coincidence. Then, a year ago, he came across a newspaper report about the proposed sale, later that day, of the original artwork of E.H. Shepard's illustrations to the 1931 edition of *The Wind in the Willows*.

Horwood promptly bought several of the prints. His favourite, a drawing of Mole on his way to Badger's house in the grim Wild Wood, now hangs above his desk. As he completed the last of his Duncton novels, Horwood was repeatedly drawn to the image in front of him.

"I was looking at this picture day by day, and I began to, if you like, *possess* it. I was thinking, 'Hold on, he isn't going to Badger's House, as we've been told in the book, he's off on another adventure — he's in a *blizzard*'. And at that moment, given my love of Grahame's work, given that I'd seen his grave and that I was finishing my book anyway, I thought 'I've got to write a sequel'."

Horwood began *The Willows in Winter* in March of this year and finished it 69 days later. Adorned with new illustrations by Patrick Benson, the book is published next Monday (HarperCollins, £12.99). While traditionalists may resent the idea of a newcomer tinkering with Grahame's legacy, most readers will surely agree that Horwood carries off the trick triumphantly.

His story of how Mole becomes lost — presumed dead — in the snowstorm flows on effortlessly from Grahame's. Meanwhile, Toad is on the run from the law once again, this time after hijacking a flying machine.

One difference is that the new tale is more tightly plotted. As Horwood points out, Grahame's original is told in a more episodic and leisurely style. "I didn't want to make a copy. If I had tried to write it in exactly the same way I think people would have said 'This isn't very well told, it's too episodic'."

At the end of the original story, Toad is supposed to be a chastened, reformed character: no more bragging, no more escapades in horseless carriages. Horwood was never convinced that the transformation was genuine. And nor, it seems, was Grahame. The evidence comes from a letter reproduced in Peter Green's 1959 biography: "Of course Toad was never really reformed; he was by nature incapable of it. But the subject is a painful one to pursue."

One irony is that Toad and his friends were not created with any thoughts of publication. Grahame first invented them in 1904 as characters in bedtime stories told to his four-year-old son, Alastair, nicknamed "Mouse". Three years later, while away in Cornwall, Grahame began to write him a series of letters, regaling him with further adventures. Grahame was eventually cajoled into expanding them into a full-length story, imbued with the atmosphere of the countryside near his home at Cookham Dean in Berkshire. Publishers were not wildly enthusiastic (Bodley Head rejected the manuscript) but eventually Methuen agreed to take it on.

The book finally appeared in 1908, but it was by no means an instant success. Most of the reviews were indifferent. The anonymous critic in *The Times* said that "as a contribution to natural history the work is negligible". Arnold Bennett was more perceptive: "The book," he declared, "is an urbane exercise in irony at the expense of the English character and of mankind."

Horwood has dedicated his novel to the memory of Alastair, with whom he shares the same birthday. There was, unfortunately, no happy ending for "Mouse". A sensitive and sickly child who was partially blind, he struggled to live up to the idealised image that his parents had of him. The victim of bullying at public school, he was equally out of his element as a student at Oxford. In May 1920, a few days short of his 20th birthday, his body was found lying across the local railway line.

TELEVISION: Classic romance returns to the screen in *Scarlet and Black*

Play it again, Napoleon

I KNOW this sounds spooky — what with Hallowe'en and everything — but I was just sitting down to write this when the ghost of Woody Allen appeared at my shoulder. Which is *incredibly* spooky, actually, because the man is not even dead.

"Listen, you're a good kid," he said, tapping my shoulder then nervously adjusting his specs and checking the exits. "But what exactly am I doing here?" I looked at him dreamily, as though this preternatural visitation were a regular event.

"Tell me, Woody. What shall I do?" I said. "There's this three-part production of *Scarlet and Black* on BBC1 on Sundays, and it's very well done in most respects — the acting, the landscape, the dialogue — but it uses your Bogart device from *Play It Again, Sam*; only it's Napoleon, of course, instead of Bogart, because it's 1828.

"Anyway," I continued, "don't you think that it's out of place in a BBC classic serial? I mean, it's OK for Quentin Tarantino to use it in the screenplay of *True Romance* — with Elvis as the "mentor" — because the writing is kind of arch and self-conscious. However, I'm confused, Woody, about seeing the Emperor Napoleon literally, physically, and with the funny hat on sideways, keeping a beady eye on the progress of Stendhal's Julien Sorel. So I wondered ..." But I looked around, and Woody had gone. Some mentor *he* turned out to be.

Actually, it is quite clear that in Stephen Lowe's adaptation of *Le Rouge et le noir* these "Dear Napoleon" segments ought to be even more prominent than they are, for they are the only time the viewer glimpses what that sneaky youngster Julien Sorel is really up to. Set in the late 1820s in rural France, last night's first episode concerned this ambitious and scholarly carpenter's son (Ewan McGregor) in his first job, as Latin tutor to the children of M de Renal (Martin Jarvis) and his wife (Alice Krige). Against a backdrop of fantastic costumes, period cutlery, 1830 hairdos, butterfly hunts in waist-deep grass, romantic original music, and expensive provincial pageantry, Sorel seduced the beautiful Mme de Renal, by pronouncing himself in love.

But is Sorel impetuous or calculating? Is he sincere or hypocritical? Only from his conversations with Napoleon do we learn that he is cleverer than he looks. When Sorel falls to his knees before the altar ("What am I to do, Lord?"), he raises his eyes and sees his hero dangling from the ceiling, *and it is not supposed to be funny*. In fact, it is quite important that you listen to Old Boney's words, rather than scramble in amazement to phone your friends. "If a man must play the hypocrite to find his path to destiny," advises the dead suspended emperor, "then so be it. You must play the tutor part with piety."

No doubt future instalments will clarify the tiresome boy's character. Meanwhile, the swan-necked Alice Krige was nakedly vulnerable (and terribly good at catching her breath) as the smitten Mme de Renal. The solid Martin Jarvis brought dignity and subtlety to a cockolded husband obsessed with his walnuts.



Ewan McGregor and Alice Krige in *Scarlet and Black*

It is wonderful to have the classic serial back. However, I still don't understand why, just to give us a decent book on the telly, the production values must be so vertiginously high (the very wallpaper looks like it would cost an episode of *Casualty*). Still, one appreciated the cinematic qualities of Ben Bolt's direction, in particular his habit of placing the actors one behind the other, like dominoes. Thus Monsieur will speak to Madame, who glances behind to Julien, who is watched from a distant window by Elisa (a spurned admirer). All done without moving the camera.

No wonder Ewan McGregor has a slight stoop, when such a weight rests on his young shoulders. Meanwhile, he also has a compelling gaze and a good RP accent, so it's a shame we have no idea what he's thinking. Was he a virgin before making love with Mme de Renal? Who knows? Looking on the bright side, I just hope his career leads more to the scarlet (the military) than the black (the church), if only because he looks ever so much better in the tunic than the frock.

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OPERA: Wales comes up with an enchanting version of *Cinderella*

Young anarchists steal the show

THE Welsh National Opera's "Cinderella Project" has grown and grown, helped on its way by being winner of the first Vivien Duffield Award for the Performing Arts. To the main house production of Massenet's *Cendrillon*, opening later in the month, have been added this staging for schools of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's children's opera, which launched the series in Gwent last Friday, a BP Opera Circuit tour of the Rossini starting this week, and in December the "Splott Cinderella", a community musical in the inner-Cardiff suburb with which WNO has worked often in the past.

The physical production of the Maxwell Davies moves month by month to three more centres — Bristol (November), Llandudno (December) and Oxford (January), each time with a completely new cast of local children. If these versions are as elaborate as the one in Blackwood, then the WNO team of Derek Clark (music director) and Michael McCarthy (producer) will have earned a holiday as well as their fees — there were 153 children milling around the tiny but beautifully appointed Miners' Institute in a state of superbly disciplined anarchy, performing, accompanying, stage-managing and lighting the show. It was a delightfully invigorating occasion.

Maxwell Davies's 55-minute setting, surely the most rewarding opera for children since Britten's heyday, was written for Kirkwall, Orkney, in 1980. For all its surface simplicity, there is enough rhythmic and intervallic complexity to keep the performers on their toes. There is some specifically Scottish music, but not much, and in his own libretto Sir Peter cannily left space for local references, a chance seized upon eagerly by the Blackwood cast, who threw in jokes about everything from Neil Kinnock (in whose constituency Blackwood is) to S4C, most of them rightly incomprehensible to a foreigner and hugely enjoyed by the audience.

There is a sly element of class war in Maxwell Davies's treatment, and of the Protestant work ethic, both not inimical to the Blackwood project. Cinderella is a persecuted au pair, her tormentors acquisitive yuppies; the magic is contrived by her cat, with the assistance of a moggie-chorus (a nice change from fairies). The happy end is enhanced by the three Ugly Sisters pairing off with three military bigwigs. Officially this is seen as a just reward, but for me it strikes a heroic blow in the cause of uglyism.

Alison Heffernan's designs, with outrageously spectacular input from Red or Dead for the sisters, are a riot of colour. McCarthy just about keeps up with Sir Peter's headlong pacing, marshalling his forces efficiently through exiguous entrances and exits. Clark exerts amiable discipline on his players and five choruses from local schools (the moggies were pure enchantment). Yvette Jones was a lovely Cinders and the diminutive Andrina Vrcic (recently arrived from Bosnia) sang the Herald with confident tone and clear words. The three broken-voiced sisters frightened the life out of me: surely they should have been out playing rugby instead of practising cross-dressing with such alarming aplomb.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BARTOK QUARTET. A lunchtime concert programme of Mozart's Quartet in G, K387, and Schumann's Quartet in A minor Op 41 No 1. Simultaneous broadcast with BBC Radio 3.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061). Today, 1pm.

KEYBOARD SKILL: Last chance to see Lesley Bruce's most enjoyable political scandal comedy, part whodunit, part what-did-he-do? The production closes next Saturday.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). *Mon-Sat, 8pm.*

ROYAL OPERA: Graham Vick's powerful and stylish production of Mozart's early opera seria **Mitridate** won the coveted Olivier award in 1992 for the year's most outstanding operatic achievement. Many of the original cast return for this revival, among them Lillian Watson, Ann Murray, Jochen Kowalski and Bruce Ford. They are joined by Luba Organosova; Paul Daniel conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tonight, 7pm

VIENNA PHILHARMONIC. One of the world's great orchestras performs the first of three London concerts this season, each to be given under a different conductor. Seiji Ozawa is on the podium on this occasion, for a programme of music by Haydn (Symphony No 60), Bartók (Suite, *The Miraculous Mandarin*) and Dvořák (*Symphony No 8*).
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Two events to captivate the eyes and ears: Peter Wright's fine staging of **The Sleeping Beauty**, sumptuously designed by Philip Prowse, returns for two more performances this week. *Sherilyn Kennedy and Joseph Cipolla* dance the lead roles tonight.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486) Tonight and Tue, 7.30pm. **Itzhak Perlman** returns with the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** to perform Sibelius's Violin Concerto in D minor Op 47. Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the programme which also includes Sibelius (Symphonic Fantasia Pohjola's Daughter Op 49) and Ravel (Alborada del gracioso, Une barque sur l'ocean and Daphnis and Chloe, Suite No 2).
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm.

BUXTON: English Touring Opera continues its autumn progression with Stephen Medcalf's new production of Donizetti's comedy, *L'Elisir d'amore*, and a revival of Clare Venables's witty staging of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*.
Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190). Tonight and Tue, 7.30pm

CHICHESTER: Shaw's **Candida**, a witty tale of the perfect wife in a perfect marriage suddenly tempted by a poet's passionate advances, is on stage for one week only. Liza Goddard, Jonathon Morris, *James Smillie and Bill Pertwee star.*
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312) Two tickets available for the price of one tonight only, 7.30pm.

LEICESTER: *Final week of* performances for Sondheim's **Pacific Overtures** in which Japanese Kabuki style meets Broadway glitz under Paul Kerryson's splendid direction.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ ***ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL:*** Good acting, especially by Sophie Thompson as the husband-hunter, but in one of Shakespeare's poorer plays.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm.

◪ **CAROUSEL.** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 165mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Larry Gelbart / Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit and set in the world of the private eye movie
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **EXACT CHANGE.** Kevin McNally, *Mike McShane and Steven O'Shea star* in David Epstein's comedy concerning three New Jersey restaurateurs tragically involved with the Mafia.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, *2.30pm and Sat, 4pm*

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm

☐ **LIFE OF STUFF:** Simon Donald's clever comedy from last year's Edinburgh Festival. A racketeer on the make breaks into Scotland's gangland culture. Last week of performances.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **LIVE LIKE PIGS:** Katie Mitchell's *so-so production of John Arden's play* about culture-shock. The grubby lot are just not grubby enough
Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION:** John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm

☐ **MACHINAL:** *Fiona Shaw, a moving* heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil reaches the core of the drama.
National (Lyttelton), *South Bank, SE1* (071-928 2252) Tonight, 7.30pm

☐ **MR DIRECTOR.** New Fay Weldon play, billed as a black comedy, about the reactions of authority when a 14-year-old is locked up in an isolation unit.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats some Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. David Suchet and Lia Williams star in Pinter's production of Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

◪ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael *Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies.*
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1, (071-928-2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; mat Tue, 2.00pm

☐ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Last week of performances for Julia Bardsley's own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge.
Young Vic, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe** *Lyric (071-494 5045)* . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ☐ **It runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) .. ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DIRTY WEEKEND** (18): Michael Winner's cheap, dismal version of Helene Zahavi's novel about a female doormat turned mankiller. With Lia Williams and Rufus Sewell.
MGMs Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **HOCUS POCUS** (PG): Rowdy Hallowe'en romp with Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy as 17th century witches at large in modern-day Salem. Director, Kenny Ortega.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

THE PIANO (15). Jane Campion's *magnificent tale of repression and desire* in 19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-439 0791) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY** (15): Inventive, action-packed biography of the martial arts legend, played by Jason Scott Lee (no relation). Rob Cohen directs
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE FIRM** (15): Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. Sydney Pollack directs.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM** ***Trocadero*** *(071-434 0031)*

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12). 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones, director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

MR WONDERFUL (12): Electrical worker Matt Dillon tries to find his ex-wife a new man. Disarming candyfloss from director Anthony Minghella.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery; Philip Kaufman directs
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Electric** (071-792 2020) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE SECRET GARDEN** (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Maggie Smith.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG). Smart but indulgent romantic comedy starring Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks from writer-director Nora Ephron.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SLIVER (18): Murder and voyeurism in a New York skyscraper. Botched erotic thriller from Ira Levin's novel, with Sharon Stone, William Baldwin, Tom Berenger. Director, Philip Noyce.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on an American comedy that deserves a wider audience

Laugh? I could have cried

Exact Change
Lyric, Hammersmith

WAS it a record? The two people in front of me did not wait for the interval before walking out. They did not even hang on until the odd four-letter word started winging over the footlights. They slammed off as the lights rose on the first act, leaving an already thin audience looking famine-stricken. It was an incident that might have appealed to David Epstein, with his blackish sense of humour and wry relish of the odd. It was also a pity, for his play fizzes with talent.

First-hand talent, too. Epstein has superficial things in common with his fellow American, David Mamet. Like *American Buffalo*, *Exact Change* presents us with a nether world in which would-be criminals are botching a desperate attempt to get rich quickly. But Epstein has an eye for absurdity that is all his own. I don't think even Mamet has written a more quirkily hilarious scene than the one in which Epstein's three characters, having kidnapped a wealthy dentist and inadvertently let him escape, realise they have left fingerprints in his car and locked themselves out of it.

It is the paradoxically downbeat climax to a series of misadventures, starting with their decision to site the bar they jointly own in a mainly Islamic neighbourhood. Then Botts, Bompkee and Merola — ex-high-school buddies and, it seems, Vietnam vets — discover that the place is a rendezvous for Arab terrorists. Barely have they begun to come to terms with the commercial implications of that than Steven O'Shea's fly Merola reveals he has lost all their takings in a gamble on soya-bean futures. That matters a lot, because the three friends owe $15,000 to a mafioso who has a habit of defenestrating his enemies.

The dialogue has a nice brash swagger to it, for instance when Kevin McNally's Botts is grimly evoking the lifestyle of a godfather who fills his library with videos of war movies and sits at a desk covered with suede. The three performers, members of the Mandrake Theatre Company, combine collective rapport with the skill to handle sharp individual swings of mood. Mike McShane's Bompkee, veering from precarious optimism to roly-poly gloom, is a particular success; but they are all excellent.

The play falters somewhat when Epstein tries self-consciously to deepen, darken and politicise it. There doesn't need to be so much emphasis on the characters' marital disasters and mutual mistrust. We can already tell they are all-American losers, victims of their own inadequacies and a tough world. But all doubts vanish when they are holed up in a freezing Bronx hideaway, earnestly debating whether or not a brick wrapped in a flaming sock could torch the dentist's incriminating *Cadillac*. I haven't laughed so much in a theatre all year.

DONALD COOPER



Mike McShane (left) and Kevin McNally head an excellent cast

OPERA: A grey revival of a colourful staging

Unhappy marriage

Figaro's Wedding
Coliseum

WHEN Graham Vick's *Figaro* production was new at the Coliseum two years ago, the vivid colours of Richard Hudson's sets — shrieky yellow, pillar-box red, livid green — and the unashamed glamour of his costumes gave notice that the grey period of British opera production, all 15 years of it, was at an end. The show still looks very handsome. How, then, to account for the fact that the overall impression of last Thursday's revival should have been so, well, grey is the only word?

Vick's production was always on the sober side, studiously avoiding pratfalls and "period" prancing. Its initial success was based on some strong performers — Bryn Terfel, Joan Rodgers, Anthony Michaels-Moore — who tempered the general sobriety with sheer force of personality. Bill Bankes-Jones, in charge of the revival, not only has a less charismatic cast but has compounded the fact by spraying too many of them down.

Arwel Huw Morgan, the memorable Antonio two years ago, seems to have had a bucket of cold water thrown over his fiery stage persona. His Figaro is unaccountably subdued, a fitting partner for Cathryn Pope's grumpy Susanna, a conspirator who takes little pleasure in his plotting: the strategies he concocts in the second act were unfolded in a curious near-monotone, as if he were reciting a laundry list. Similarly Peter Sidhom's first Count was efficient and stolid, which is not enough: for the opera to work, Almaviva must be charming or dangerous, and preferably both.

At least Margaret Marshall, joining the cast as the Countess, showed some spirit, but it was spirit in isolation. She had no one to react against, not even Ethna Robinson's shy rather than randy Cherubino. When the only truly rounded, Mozart-size performance is the Dr Bartolo — the immortal Donald Adams — then a *Figaro* revival is in deep, deep trouble.

Nor was it quite well enough sung and played by the standards of the house. Marshall certainly has the stature for the Countess, but was in rather edgy voice. But in general, the singers brought no more joy or relish to their shaping of Mozart's lines than they did to the see-sawing intricacies of the plot. One longed, in vain, for a spark of musical imagination to ignite the evening.

The playing under Sian Edwards was decent, no more, the standard of pit-stage ensemble only just acceptable. Some slowish tempos and deliberate pacing of the recitatives added to the general greyness: one needed crisper accentuation, clearer textures, more pungent woodwind, better tuning, a more positive and lively response to this miracle of a score. It just jogged along.

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THE three dancers of *Mal Pelo* look fairly normal, although their name in Spanish literally means Bad Hair. The title of their piece, *Sur — Perros del Sur*, translates as Southern Dogs, but, there again, it did not seem directly to relate to what was on stage.

Even so, *Mal Pelo* did not shatter Spain's image abroad of a revitalised and vigorous culture. They have performed here before; but generally Spanish contemporary dance gets only rare exposure in London, so we have to thank Dance Umbrella for their showing at the ICA. Their deliberately raw, naturalistic movement may be reminiscent of many other companies. But the context in which it is set, spiced with a Mediterranean intensity, offers a refreshing change from what we northern Europeans usually see.

A man (Pep Ramis) begins suspended upside down from a rope; a woman (Maria Munoz) enters, speaks and dances; a second man (Jordi Casanovas) explodes on stage with angry gesticulating and shouting. Here are three highly individual characters linked by shadowy narrative threads. Ramis tends to be the abrasive one who verbalises a lot, using the Majorcan Catalan that is his native tongue. Munoz is the woman who argues with him in movement or in Spanish. Casanovas ultimately finds himself caught between them when all he wants is to eat in peace and quiet.

But I oversimplify. Relationships shift and change in a web of allusions and resonances. Certain images reflect Ramis's own background of a fishing community; some images also have a religious connotation. Shoals of fish cascade to the ground; Casanovas washes Ramis's feet; a trio resembles processional penitents who are dancing and drumming.

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Alice Thomas Ellis applauds the magnanimity of Penelope Mortimer's memoir

Scorned but not furious



"Love in the afternoon" by Arthur Robins: illustration for a John Mortimer article in 1975. From *Nova: 1965-1975* (Pavilion, £29.95)

I had seen various articles and comments on Penelope Mortimer's second volume of autobiography *About Time Too* before I read it. In consequence I approached it somewhat nervously, for the writers of the articles etc. had given the impression that the book was a work of savage reprisal, with particular reference to the failings of John Mortimer, her second husband. I quite enjoy novels of revenge but it is an unpalatable, indigestible emotion taken raw in autobiography, and the author in a state of unreflective rage usually loses her sense of humour.

Now I don't know whether it's me or everyone else who's crazy, since I could see none of the spiteful fury which the writers of whom I speak had discerned and so deplored. On page 37, explaining how she had come to marry for a second time, Penelope Mortimer observes of the young John Mortimer: "There was also the fact that he was talented, funny, spoiled me in many ways — breakfast in bed, cossetting, treats, presents — and was remarkably tolerant of the children ... Apart from my mother, he has undoubtedly been the most influential person in my life."

She goes on to describe infidelities and unhappinesses, but is as open about her own as about his. When in 1961 she had an abortion and was sterilised she was, not surprisingly, upset to find that he was having an affair; but as she was about to fetch her son from school, Penelope Mortimer wrote in her diary: "And the bitter thought that with her there was wine for lunch and the afternoon planned. This is unworthy, indeed mad, and brings nothing but more unhappiness." Not the words of a vengeful virago.

Every now and then there descends on people, particularly those in literary and artistic circles, the notion that human happiness is best served by lifting restraints and taboos from sexual relationships, and allowing the loved one freedom to run round with whomever he (or, less frequently, she) pleases. The 1960s to 1970s was just such a time and the Mortimers were fairly typical of their class.

What is more shocking is the reminder of the extraordinary availability of dangerous drugs, not sold on street corners, but prescribed by doctors for people suffering emotional distress: pentathol, methydrine, mogadon, amitryptolene, valium, "uppers" and "downers" and goodness knows what else. According to a Czech psychiatrist, "psychotherapy was useless without drugs".

ABOUT TIME TOO
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Electro-convulsive treatment was also favoured as a common treatment for depression and in 1971 Penelope Mortimer was booked in for a course of eight ECTs. At this point I found it impossible to know whether the ailment or the cure was in the ascendant, since the diary entries reveal the state of mind of a woman in a similar state of confusion, unsure of the passage of time and out of touch with her emotions. Far from feeling that I was being made privy to scenes of betrayal and primitive wrath, I felt that the author herself, whether out of native decency or under the influence of drugs, was either concealing something or out of touch with the realities of the situation.

It is disconcerting to realise that autobiography can reveal less of a person than a fictional portrayal would. Novels make far more apparent sense. This is doubtless because real people are endlessly complex and quite beyond the comprehension of others. Especially psychiatrists and certain commentators.

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To this concentration camp for the rich and gullible, complete with camp orchestra, come handsome Will Lightbody and his lovely wife Eleanor, grieving for loss of health and the loss of a baby daughter. Dr Kellogg, Eleanor is certain, has all the answers.

Among them are Protose Patties, Graham Grits and Nuttolene. That is once you are allowed solid food. Will, who arrives gaunt and sleepless, suffering from withdrawal of alcohol and opium, is allowed nothing but milk and colonic irrigation. There are other treatments, more sinister: the sinusoidal electric bath, an operation. But purification and abstinence are the cornerstones, and abstinence is from *everything*. Put in separate sleeping quarters from Eleanor. Will grows rebellious, escaping for dangerous benders downtown with an apprentice confidence trickster called Charlie P. Ossining, whose aunt is a patient of Dr Kellogg's.

This is the age of the Grapenut and the Cornflake: in the battle for the market, the Kellogg name is powerful. The doctor, self-styled philanthropist, has in his time adopted 20 foundlings, and Charlie persuades one of them, a psychopathic ingrate who haunts his adoptive father with threats and violence, to lend his name to Per-Fo breakfast foods. As Will grows ever thinner, and his treatments more unpleasant; as Eleanor is lured towards Dr Spitzvogel and an undreamt-of therapy; as Charlie grows ever more desperate for the cheque that will not bounce, events move towards a ghastly climax.

Period photographs of real-life victims of quackery illustrate the novel. A man in a suit gazes out of a wire cage, someone sits with every limb in a bucket, swaddled invalids take the sun on a grim brick balcony. The photographs are both unintentionally hilarious and distressing; all that suffering, all that misplaced, desperate trust. *The Road to Wellville*, funny and horrific, taps into our western obsessions with our own bodies, spending millions on the capsule, the supplement, the extract, when what we need, perhaps, is common sense.

Sue Gee

THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE
By T. Corraghessan Boyle
Granta Books, £14.99
THE COLLECTED STORIES
By T. Corraghessan Boyle
Granta Books, £9.99 pbk

Something of poor Will Lightbody's helpless confusion in the face of uncontrollable events is echoed in the opening story in this prizewinning author's *Collected Stories*. In "The Descent of Man" the narrator's life goes out of control when his wife, working in the Primate Centre, deserts him not for another man, but for an ape. In "Modern Love" an ordinary guy is required by his germ-obsessed girlfriend to make love in a body condom.

With mordant wit, these stories dissect absurdity, cruelty, hubris and exploitation of the natural world — apt to take its revenge. A houseful of half-educated students is frightened, but not quite frightened enough, when the sky rains blood. In "The Ape Lady in Retirement" long-lost passions are awakened by a male chimp brought up as a human being. The Inventor in "De Rerum Natura", to whom nothing seems impossible, puts God to death and meets his own terrible end.

The obverse of Boyle's stern satirical morality is a tender humanity. Will's final bid for Eleanor is matched by the gesture of solidarity made by a young man in "Thawing Out" who plunges into the icy Hudson river to reclaim the lover he has abandoned. In both novel and stories the prose is masterly; the energy feels limitless.

Actor bereft of manager

The metaphor of the sandcastle abounds in this sixth volume of Dirk Bogarde's memoirs, with its attendant notions of transience and impermanence. It is difficult not to feel sorry for Bogarde as his beautifully constructed sandcastle in the south of France is demolished in the twilight of his life, even if at times he does sound self-pitying.

Advancing years, and the illness of his friend and former manager Forwood, oblige a return to London after 20 years of pastoral happiness in the Alpes Maritimes at La Pigeonnier. Theirs was not simply the leisured, easy existence of the expatriot but an effortful, eventually successful, attempt to integrate. Descriptions of the locals have a slightly Maylesque quality, but those of the countryside around Saint-Cyprien are eloquent and joyous. It is the juxtaposition of this tranquillity with Bogarde's increasing, mostly hidden, fears for Forwood's health which is especially poignant.

This is not a starry book. Glenda Jackson, Charlotte Rampling and Lauren Bacall are mentioned as friends and then only fleetingly. Bogarde made films only to make money and presents himself more as a writer than an actor.

Katherine Bergen

A SHORT WALK FROM HARRODS
By Dirk Bogarde
Viking, £15.99



Bogarde: flees France for a London he now loathes

On one of the few occasions that he refers to his well-known name, it is only to describe how thieves recognised it emblazoned on the containers of his precious stored furniture.

Much as Bogarde loves the south of France, he seems to hate London. He is uncomfortable with the changes — although he claims that the King's Road is unchanged. Forwood's "touch of Parkinson's" is complicated by cancer of the colon and Bogarde himself has had a stroke.

If Bogarde's tone has seemed a touch querulous before now, his unselfishness and dignity in the face of Forwood's approaching death redeem him. He is forced back on his own resources, and as he admits himself, "I was spoiled rotten, unequipped to deal with my own life. For 50 years I had had a manager who actually *managed* me." It is Bogarde's greatest triumph that he finds the strength to revive himself. He finds a new career in book reviewing and returns to the theatre to read these memoirs. I look forward to a seventh volume.

Wheelchair-bound in no man's land

One fashionable theme for new novels this year seems to be the first world war's sexual and political dissenters. It is the subject of both Pat Barker's *The Eye in the Door* and Sebastian Faulks's cocktail of romance and bloodshed in *Birdsong*. Now hard on their heels comes a prizewinning French novel which, in its combination of emotional impact and narrative grip, leaves both these British examples standing.

Sebastien Japrisot is one of France's most popular writers, best known for his thrillers and screenplays (*The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun* being perhaps the most famous). What we have here is, on one level, a whodunnit about trench warfare.

The novel begins with a harrowing account of the punishment meted out to five young soldiers for shooting themselves in the hand in an effort to get discharged: they are bound and pushed out into no man's land one wintry Saturday night, in full view of the enemy guns. In the confusion of the next day's fighting, nobody can be sure what became of them.

Jonathan Coe

A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT
By Sebastien Japrisot
Translated by Linda Coverdale
Harvill, £14.99 and £9.99

It is assumed that they were all killed, but Mathilde, the fiancée of the youngest and most blameless of the condemned men, is determined to find out for herself. Most of the book tells of her long and tortuous progress towards the heart of a mystery "interwoven with too many voices and too many lies for her to be certain she has not missed the most revealing whisper of truth".

Mathilde is a fine creation — courageous, humorous, stubborn and at times unreasonable. Japrisot has the thriller-writer's knack of withholding vital information, and allows us to become thoroughly acquainted with his heroine before even mentioning the fact that she is wheelchair-bound, and has been unable to walk since she was three. And her tenacious intelligence is a useful guide through the labyrinth of clues and half-clues which we must negotiate before her lover's fate is at last revealed.

A pair of boots worn by a German soldier, a red-and-white knitted glove, a corporal's oddly perfunctory final letter to his wife — all of these gradually lead us towards a solution. As in all the best mystery stories, it is the most apparently trivial details which finally take on the greatest importance.

Paradoxically, this is the key to the book's political and emotional power as well. The challenge facing any novelist who writes about war is to make us feel that any *individual* death can be significant when seen in the context of millions of similar tragedies.

But the whodunnit, when managed properly, has a peculiar ability to arouse in the reader an intense frenzy of interest in a particular chain of circumstances. So the events which Mathilde sets out to investigate — even if they are no more brutal or horrific than countless others from the same war — take on a terrifying fascination as the book unfolds.

Japrisot's remarkable achievement, then, is to have written not merely a compelling novel, but one which transforms a single, small incident into the very epitome of all wartime atrocities, and reinforces our sense of the conflict which made them possible as "the most filthy, savage, useless obscenity that ever there was".

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Polar star of poetic truth

Clive Wilmer

ARGURA
By John Peck
Carcanet, £9.95

It may take a few readings before we recognise this heap of rubble as the mosaic floor of a ruined villa; it may take yet another reading to make out the river-scene depicted there.

As those lines might suggest, Peck is preoccupied with craftsmanship — with mosaics, carpentry, stone-carving and so on. These are activities which, as it were, objectify the dialogue between matter and consciousness: looking at a boat or a tower, we see the world transformed by imagination.

This in turn may lead us to reflect upon history and its evidences. History is, in a sense, the sum of our transformations. In contemplating the evidence, though, we are as likely to be struck by ruin as creation. Thus to build a boat or a funeral-pyre or a city, we must first destroy a tree. To build one nation, as Virgil's Aeneas does, we must maybe destroy another nation:

He who called blood builder is now memory sound.
Dear, if we called blood wrecker we'd not lie,
but how thinly we should hear time's curved cutwater,
and never the full song of the falling pine,
that swish the nets make running through swells gone starry.

Blood here is as much bloodshed as race or people, but it is also the *sine qua non* of human life. We may think, despairingly, of the Nazi rhetoric of blood and earth, which might seem to consign both Virgil and his hero to the inferno of history.

But this is precisely what Peck does not do. The picture would be incomplete. The nets — like our language, like our collective memory — haul in a richer harvest. These poems are unflinching in their attention to the horrors — Lebanon and Yugoslavia put in appearances — but they are never glibly pessimistic.

Argura is Peck's fourth book. As an American who has spent most of his recent life in Europe, who published his first and most straightforward book in the United States and the difficult ones in Britain, he has not exactly solicited attention.

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● *Clive Wilmer is a Cambridge poet.*

PAPERBACKS

ASTA'S BOOK
By Barbara Vine
Viking, £9.99
AUTHOR'S researcher Ann Eastbrook inherits the estate of her aunt Swanny, and with it the private papers of her famous Danish grandmother, the diarist Asta Westerby. Buried among them are clues to the true identity of Asta's Hackney-born daughter whose story throws light on the notorious unsolved Roper murders of 1905. With its emphasis on the unspoken in family history, this is a peculiarly poignant mixture of true crime, intimate biography and period piece.

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By Alan Sillitoe
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SILLITOE'S story of sexual obsession is set in the bleak and familiar territory of Nottingham's backstreets and pubs. Leonard, a survivor of the Somme and a widower with adolescent children, meets Sophie — loose, sexy and a law unto herself — just after the outbreak of the second world war. The conflict in Europe is echoed by Leonard's own conflict after Sophie and her children move in. People, period and place all ring unpretentiously true.

PAPERWEIGHT
By Stephen Fry
Mandarin & Minerva, £4.99
THIS "literary guacamole" of a book includes transcripts of Fry's fictional monologues for Radio 4's *Loose Ends* — the vehicle for his delightfully obfuscating professor of comparative philology, Donald Trefusis — his journalism for *The Listener* and *The Daily Telegraph*, and ends with a play he wrote while still at university. Set in a prep school, *Latin!* is achingly funny and sexually outrageous.

● *Contributors: Alison Burns, Hazel Leslie, Giles Coren*



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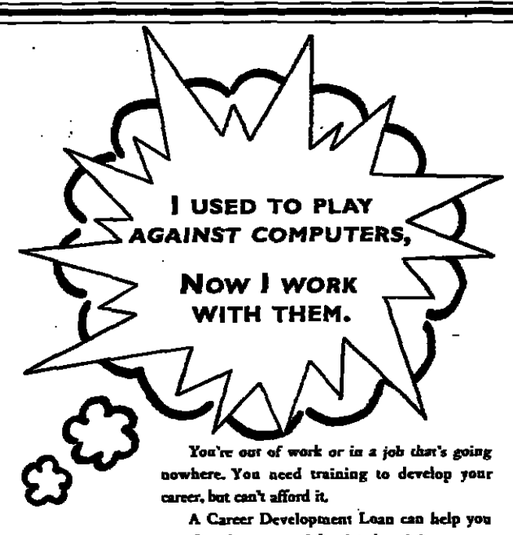
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EDUCATION

Companies have a leading role to play amid heightened concern about standards, and expectations, in city schools

SIMON WALKER



Jackie Bullimore, a business mentor from BP, shares her experience with Sahid Khabil, a pupil at Sir John Cass and Redcoat school, who is taking business studies

In the business of helping

As schools face the grim problems of urban poverty and neglect, firms are offering essential guidance. **David Tytler** reports

The quiet revolution has been a long time coming but gradually the outright warfare between schools and business is turning into partnership. Where once industry only complained that schools were turning out young people incapable of even the most basic skills and teachers said that business should keep well away, managers are now entering schools offering help and advice which is gratefully accepted.

If there are lingering doubts about the need for help from the world outside school, last week's report from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) should have laid them to rest. The government inspectors painted a depressing picture of an emerging educational underclass in deprived urban areas. They reported that the government's reforms are failing to lever up the inadequate and disturbing standards in one in five schools in England. The schools alone, the inspectors said, did not have the capacity to break the cycle of low expectations and under-achievement.

This will come as no surprise to many in industry and business, who know that if they want to improve the standards of their workforce then they will have to become involved in the education process. But they also want to do it on their terms and will not be bullied into it by government. The most startling evidence of this was the much-vaunted City Technology College programme, launched in 1986 by the then education secretary Kenneth Baker.

The CTCs were to solve the problem highlighted by Ofsted some seven years later. New-style inner-city schools were to spring-up across the country, with industry providing most of the finance. But big business turned its back on the scheme, wary of becoming embroiled in the fierce political controversy surrounding it. As a result, there are only 15 CTCs.

In an attempt to breathe new life into the programme, John Patten, the education secretary, is introducing government grants for schools who enter into partnership with industry. The scheme is open only to grant-maintained schools. Cynics believe that Mr Patten is using it to try to push more schools into opting out of local authority control, as that particular reform also appears to be running out of steam.

The Ofsted report shows that schools are in need of expertise as much as increased cash. Many inner-city schools already receive bigger cash grants than those in better-off areas. The Directory of Social Change estimates that a further £130-£230 million may be going into state schools from parents, business sponsorships and charitable trusts. National sponsorship tends to be linked with promotions such as Tesco's computers for schools, W.H. Smith's book scheme and the Boots sports equipment offer. Other companies are involved in educational research projects and work experience schemes.

> 'We give guidance, offering a window on what goes on in a wider world'

When it comes to the hands-on approach, the future of industrial and educational links lies in local arrangements. Once such scheme is entering its second year in Tower Hamlets, in the East End of London. Sir John Cass and Redcoat is one of 12 schools piloting the business-mentoring scheme with 25 companies, including GrandMet, Lloyd's of London, London Docklands, the local authority, National Westminster Bank, News International, publishers of *The Times*, Tate & Lyle and Whitbread. The 70 mentors spend an hour a month with a total of 300 students, aged 14-19, in groups of three to five. Nationwide there are eight pilot schemes, plus a number of local programmes.

Mentoring is defined as "support, encouragement and friendliness between two individuals" and the mentor is expected to be a "guide and friend", encouraging self-confidence, esteem and positive action. At Sir John Cass and Redcoat, the mentors all come from BP. Roger Embling, a senior adviser in BP's human resources department and a mentor at the school, says that it is too early to judge the success of the scheme. "We need to give it a longer run and meet pupils more often," he says.

"I see the role as guidance, offering an extra window on what goes on in the wider world. We provide support and suggestions that let them look at things in a different light." All the mentors agree that their task is not to make decisions for the students, but to help them to arrive at their own.

Roger Schiff, head of the one-year vocational sixth form at Sir John Cass and Redcoat school, says: "Five mentors from BP saw our students on a regular basis over the year and took part in various activities ranging from mock interviews, action planning, career discussion, help with assignment work and visits to BP."

One of the organisations primarily responsible for encouraging industry and business to go into the community is Business in the Community, founded by a group of industrialists in 1981 as a response to inner-city riots. The Prince of Wales has been president of the group for five years and is a keen supporter of its Employees in the Community Awards. There were 150 entries for this year's awards, which will be announced this month.

The awards are open to any company or public sector organisation which encourages its employees to become involved with local schools; fundraise for the community; visit the elderly, ill or disadvantaged; give up their holidays for foreign relief projects; support payroll giving schemes, or involve themselves in local conservation projects.

Let pupils aim for the sky

A retired headmaster responds to last week's damning Ofsted report

VIEWPOINT



LAWRENCE NORCROSS

There is nothing new about low teacher expectations of working class children. Well over 20 years ago I witnessed a public-school socialist, teaching in an inner-London comprehensive school, wave an airy hand in the direction of neighbouring tower blocks and ask what possible relevance Shakespeare or Milton could have for youngsters living there.

He would not have dreamt of asking the same question in Surbiton or Solihull. His view though was shared by a significant number of the staff and, crucially, by the headmaster, who was in the process of abolishing O levels and entering all his pupils for the CSE.

I left soon after, determined that no school for which I ever had responsibility would betray the interests of working class children in such a cavalier and patronising fashion. The school of which I became head, an inner-London comprehensive, didn't — but I was engaged in a continuous battle with a minority of newly-qualified staff and an increasingly politicised local inspectorate.

It was not ever thus. Last month I attended a reunion at the school I had left 52 years ago at the age of 14. My fellow pupils are now in their mid-60s. One of the two former members of staff exhumed for the occasion was in his mid-80s, still lucid, acerbic and of decidedly sound mind. Gazing at us, he remarked on how well we'd done from such unpromising beginnings.

Our number included former pilots and educational psychologists, heads of schools and colleges, bank managers, engineers, dentists and civil servants. We had all left school at 14 lacking some of the refinements of our grammar school and public school contemporaries (I didn't learn which way to pass the port until I was 21) but soundly equipped with the basic educational tools which enabled us later (usually after a period in the armed services) to cope with further studies.

No concessions were made to our restricted social circumstances. Correct spelling was not assumed to be the preserve of the upper and middle classes; neither were punctuation or basic grammar. Historical and geographical facts were the same for us as they were for the products of Eton, as was their relevance.

We didn't all benefit equally from the system of course, but the only educational system guaranteed to ensure equality of outcome is one which aims so low that it alienates its brighter victims.

Mercifully my schooldays were mainly in the 1930s, before the machinery and institutions of education were taken over by watered down sociologists and political zealots. I doubt that I would have survived the attentions of some of my eventual colleagues. Sadly, but unsurprisingly, far too many of today's pupils are not surviving them either, as last week's report by the Office for Standards in Education makes clear.

Predictably, the response of teacher unions and Opposition spokesmen is to blame a lack of resources. Of course money is important for the delivery of an increasingly complex curriculum, but far more important is adequate teacher expectation of those for whom the curriculum is devised. By today's standards the school I attended was pitifully resourced but accomplished the job it was designed to do effectively and efficiently.

When I was a head, some of the best provided for schools in inner-London produced some of the worst results, in terms of examination success, pupil behaviour, attitude and morale; and some of the least generously resourced produced well-behaved, well-motivated and relatively well-educated young people. There was neither mystery nor mystique involved: simply determination and high expectation on the part of the staff and a welcome absence of pseudo-sociology and bogus "caring" philosophies.

Vast amounts of money are not needed for the effective teaching of English language and mathematics (two of the subjects most inadequately taught at present); a structured approach, and an unwillingness to accept sloppy work are needed. If not introduced pretty quickly, the likelihood of many of today's teachers being able, in fifty years' time, to congratulate their former pupils on successful careers is distinctly remote.

● *The author was headmaster of Highbury Grove School in Islington, 1975-87.*

International partnership

Richard Margrave looks at links between commerce and education

Business education partnerships can have their limitations. In the days preceding Boris Yeltsin's decision to storm the Russian Parliament building, Edward Dneprov, the president's close adviser and education minister, was in Britain to present a paper on the progress of education reform in the Russian Federation.

Not knowing from one minute to the next when the call would come from Moscow, Dr Dneprov did an admirable job, coolly detailing the support for education reform that international business and the World Bank is offering. But, four days before the army moved on the White House, he was recalled. Business education partnerships gave way to the urgent reality of political survival.

However, the issue was only temporarily shunted from the top of Dr Dneprov's agenda. As Russians try to transform society by rebuilding their education system — exorcising communism from schools and the curriculum, jettisoning the the strictures of totalitarianism for values of personal freedom and self-expression — the scale of the task ahead ensures a leading role for business.

The government knows that it cannot afford to complete the process single-handed. But it is not courting the multinationals and their money for a marriage of convenience. Many of the new politicians are anxious to foster an entrepreneurial culture in the young. They positively welcome into schools the know-how of experienced practitioners in the dark arts of capitalism. Already, the Soros Foundation, the charity of the international speculator George Soros, has financed the multi-million dollar publication of more than 200 new text books to match the new curriculum. The World Bank, once the symbol of Western imperialism, has also provided considerable assistance.

Russia is not alone in recognising the importance of links between business and education. Recently, more than 30 policy makers and experts from countries as diverse as South Africa, Norway, Ethiopia and the Philippines met to pool their experience of education-business links. The 1993 Oxford Round Table on Education Policy was attended by education ministers, academics, state government representatives from America, agencies such as the World Bank and the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, as well as multinationals, including the Apple Corporation, Boeing, BP and Honeywell.

The strongest theme of the conference was the recognition that the central issue confronting all nations is how to respond to the new global economy. Inevitably, countries start from different points. America is a role model and pioneer, where the place of business in the classroom is regarded as natural.

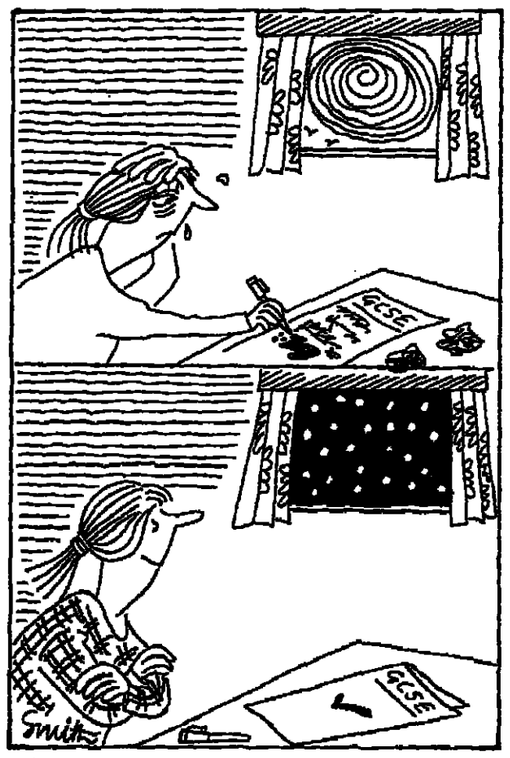
However, representatives from developed nations were markedly less optimistic about the future than those from the developing world. The confidence and vitality at the forum of countries such as the Congo and the Philippines was founded on the recognition that the creation of a well-educated workforce is the key to leaping forward.

Dr Dneprov described the system in the former Soviet Union as having been "grey and black". His task now was "to introduce colour to the map". He regards the international business community as a vital resource on his palette.

● *The author was a participant in the 1993 Oxford Round Table. He is head of press and public relations for the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, and a former shadow cabinet adviser on education policy.*

Terms for the revolution

Why should universities and the Church decide the school year?



Ask yourself a few simple questions. Did you really enjoy having your six-year-old under your feet for the whole of the summer holiday? Did you enjoy the ten-week break between your child sitting her exams and the production of the results? Were you bothered that you could not find an admissions tutor to discuss your son's failure to achieve his university offer by two points because the tutor was taking his holiday?

These seemingly unrelated questions hint at a nonsense at the heart of the English education system: the three-term, "non-calendar" school year.

At present, term dates are determined, for the most part, by two factors: examinations set by independent exam boards and the date of Easter, which is decided by the phases of the Moon. The fact that the Church fails to make sense of the date of Easter should not affect school policy.

That exam boards show a monumental level of incompetence is not a good reason for sticking with the present cumbersome system either. The French have all their Baccalaureate candidates sit all the exams within a ten-day period and all the papers are marked and awards made within ten days after that.

At present, the main public examinations — GCSE and A levels — fall in the middle of what is always the shortest, hayfever-peaking, term. Summer is the time least conducive to study and examinations, and effective teaching time in the period between the last exam and the end of term is virtually nil. It is silly to have a "seven"-week summer term and a 15-week autumn term.

So what do we do about all of this? The answer is simple: the school year should start in mid to late January and should finish just before Christmas. All major exams would be sat in late November-early December, and grades should be available before Christmas.

And there is no reason why all university entry could not be determined by offers based on known results. This would mean a flurry of activity in the weeks before Christmas and the first three weeks of January for the universities, but that would be no bad thing.

Alternatively, if the universities are incapable of doing in five or six weeks what the French do in ten days then the university year could remain as it is now, allowing the whole process more than enough time to take place on the sensible and fairer basis of offers based on known results. If the universities retained an October start then all pupils going to higher education would have a nine-month "gap year", a choice becoming increasingly popular these days.

As matters stand, however, the university system, greatly expanded in recent years, is a comparatively small tail wagging the considerably larger secondary school dog.

Under the system I propose, exams would be taken at the end of the school and calendar year when there are no major distractions: the days are short and cold and most people are happy to be indoors.

The four terms would run: Term 1, say, from January for ten weeks to mid March; Term 2 for ten weeks from early April to mid June, Term 3 for ten weeks from mid to late July till mid to late September; Term 4 for ten weeks from mid October till Christmas. You play rugby in Term 1, hockey in Term 2, cricket in Term 3 and let the grass grow through the winter. There would be two periods of clement weather for holidays (June to early July and mid September to mid October).

The travel agents would be happy being able to take two bites of the cherry; harassed parents would be happier; all of the teaching unions (except my own professional body, the Headmasters' Conference) would be happy and, most importantly of all, our children would get a far better deal.

The exam boards would not be happy. But they have, for far too long, acted as if children existed for their convenience. The Church would have a two-week gap in which to set the date of Easter.

There is nothing to stop the whole of the primary and secondary school system moving to a four-term, calendar-year system in the near future. We should do so with enthusiasm.

IAN WALKER

● *The author is Headmaster, King's School, Rochester.*

Fun is still an open book

National Library Week gets off to a heartening start

REPORTS of the demise of the public library in the affections of the young are much exaggarated. Despite widespread Nintendo addiction, the arrival of television in every other teenager's bedroom, and the general wailing at declining standards of literacy, the quiet charm of the library continues to capitivate each generation.

The most heartening finding of a survey published today to mark the start of National Library Week is the service's enduring popularity among children. More than half visit a library once a week or more. Nine out of ten call with borrowed books underarm every month. Typically, they spend between 15 minutes and an hour picking through the shelves, before returning home to curl up with a replacement.

The survey of more than 3,000 children aged 4-16 was commissioned by the Library Association and linked to a competition supported by News International. It identifies Scottish youngsters as the most bookish, followed by those in the Midlands and southern England, with the North and Wales lagging behind. Girls are slightly more regular library visitors than boys, with nine to 13-year-olds the heaviest users. There is a drop-off among teenagers.

While adults complain about increasingly restricted opening hours — last year only 18 libraries opened for more than 60 hours a week, compared with 229 twenty years ago — children are relatively content. Seven out of ten say their local libraries are open at the times they want.

The survey also underlines the popularity of newspapers. Six out of ten children are regular readers, with local papers cited as the most popular source of news and information. Of the national dailies, *The Sun* heads the list, followed by the *Daily Mirror* and the *Daily Mail*. Of the broadsheets, *The Daily Telegraph*, enjoys a slim lead over *The Times* and *The Guardian* with *The Independent* bringing up the rear.

BEN PRESTON

Capitalisation, week's change

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2,524.90	Aus New Z	193	+11	...	4.5	...
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1,325.50	Bk of Ireland	282	+3	...	4.4	20.8
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
2,240.70	Bank Scotland	193 †	-2½	4.6	3.0	26.2
9,211.20	Barclays	570	-7	...	2.7	...
6.04	Benchmark	3½	+½	...	...	...
5.64	Carlisle	18½	+½	...	...	...
137.90	Cater Allen	572	-10	27.0	5.9	...
161.60	Cattles	146	+1	...	3.9	19.4
3,512.20	Chase Manh	2250 †	-93½	...	...	...
8,864.60	Citicorp	2425 †	-116½	...	...	...
199.80	Close Bros	453	+5	...	3.0	16.5
4,062.10	Commerzbk	£136½	-262½	...	3.0	...
16,074.00	Deutsche Bk	£337½	-560½	...	1.8	...
141.10	First Nat Fin	88½	...	...	0.7	...
40,565.90	Fuji Bank Y	1404	...	...	0.4	...
190.80	Gerrard Nat	488	-34	23.5	5.6	12.8
6,248.40	HSBC	762	+17	20.0	3.3	18.2
13,123.20	HSBC HK	771½	+26½	20.0	3.2	18.5
707.30	Hambros	403	+13	14.0	4.3	18.6
21.90	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
23.70	King Shaxson	150	+7	9.0	7.5	...
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7,254.60	Lloyds	565	-7	19.1	4.2	16.2
56.90	Lon Scot Bk	95	+2	2.9	3.8	18.8
7,385.00	Nat Aust Bk	562	+6	...	3.5	20.4
9,207.50	Nat West	555	-30	17.8	4.0	33.7
571.80	Provident	428	+1	12.4	3.6	18.5
20.40	Rea Bros	52	+1	0.5	1.3	55.3
2,826.60	Ryl Bk Scot	356	+5	9.0	3.2	...
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2,005.10	Warburg SG	924	+32	...	2.6	23.3
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4,235.80	Bass	488	-7	19.1	4.9	10.6
126.80	Boddington	271	...	7.5	3.5	15.8
230.50	Bulmer (HP)	439	...	...	2.9	19.2
32.00	Burtonwd Brw	154	...	4.7	3.9	12.9
25.10	Eldridge P 'A'	129	+1	...	3.2	34.1
2,027.90	Fosters Brewing	63	-½	...	4.2	∞
87.30	Fullr Sm 'A'	432	...	...	2.1	18.5
8,640.20	Grand Met	417	-10	12.5	3.8	13.8
791.20	Greenalls Grp	380	-1	12.0	4.0	12.6
242.80	Greene King	574	+2	...	2.7	16.2
8,731.80	Guinness	435	+14	...	3.5	16.2
63.30	Hardy Hansn	253	-2	7.8	3.9	14.1
3.50	Heavitree	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
439.10	Highland Distl	343	-3	6.6	2.4	∞
91.10	Holt J	3038	...	42.0	1.7	19.8
4.27	Hoskins Brew	73	+3	...	...	52.6
381.20	Invrgordn Dist	299	+2	...	3.0	17.1
152.60	Macallan-Glen	131	-1	4.3	4.2	29.4
53.00	Mardn Marrn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
137.40	Mansfield	215	-10	...	2.2	15.4
257.30	Mrston Thmp	284	-6	...	2.4	17.2
115.80	Matthew Clark	510 †	+22½	...	4.4	17.0
30.90	Mrrydwn W	255	...	7.0	3.4	20.1
109.20	Morland	515	-8	8.7	2.1	20.5
4.40	Paramount	8½	-½	...	2.1	∞
28.60	Regent Inns	195 †	-2	...	2.9	19.8
5,642.00	SA Breweries	1043	-45	...	2.6	17.7
1,975.40	Scot & New	467	...	...	4.5	14.5
207.70	Taunton Cider	190	-1	6.0	3.9	15.5
362.60	Vaux Group	262	+5	9.3	4.5	16.1
111.50	Wetherspoon JD	356	+5	5.4	1.9	∞
2,365.60	Whitbread 'A'	520	-6	...	4.3	14.0
196.80	-do- 'B'	1200	...	...	1.5	30.1
325.50	Wolvrhmptn D	494	-12	11.8	3.0	13.9
13.90	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
13.70	Albrighton	19	-1	...	...	...
36.80	Alien	138	+2	5.0	4.5	31.3
226.20	Amec	112 †	-8	3.0	3.3	20.7
2.48	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
72.70	Ashtead	323	+4	4.5	1.8	33.0
350.40	Atwoods	124	...	5.0	5.2	∞
1,327.30	BPB Ind	267	...	...	3.5	45.9
33.70	Baggeridge Brk	95	...	3.1	4.6	28.6
2.77	Bailey (Ben) Con	29½	...	0.6	2.8	...
17.30	Barcom	93	...	1.2	1.7	16.9
226.80	Bardon	41	-2	2.0	6.1	20.2
323.50	Barratt Devs	179	-4	4.0	2.8	∞
224.00	Bellway	459	+6	...	3.3	26.6
17.50	Bellwinch	40	...	...	...	...
315.90	Berkeley Gp	438	+1	...	1.7	27.5
14.40	Best Bros	96	...	...	0.7	3.9
14.30	Blockleys	56	+3½	1.0	2.2	61.9
2,090.30	Blue Circle	302½	+4½	...	4.6	...
69.90	Boot (Henry)	264	...	6.0	2.8	15.0
25.90	Breedon PLC	91	+4	4.6	6.3	22.4
22.00	Br Dredging	125	+2	5.2	5.3	27.2
20.00	Brit Fittings	84	...	1.7	2.6	...
391.60	Bryant	142	-2	...	4.2	28.7
39.80	CALA	113	...	...	2.5	...
1,143.20	CRH	328	+11	...	2.6	18.0
1.80	Cakebread Rby	30	-3	...	...	...
198.00	Costain	30½	-1	...	...	...
113.70	Countryside	149	+9	...	3.4	39.4
73.40	Crest Nicholson	96	-1	0.0	...	...
17.50	Cussins	98	-2	...	1.3	...
1.67	Dunton	3½	-1	...	...	...
10.00	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
53.80	Epwin	273	+1	7.0	3.2	23.1
26.90	Erith	57	...	0.3	0.8	...
46.50	Eve Group	488	+5	...	2.6	17.6
4.95	Explaura	3½	-½	...	...	...
3.93	Freeman Gp	129	...	...	4.8	20.5
36.00	Galliford	40½	-1½	1.0	3.1	∞
1.41	Gibbs & Dandy	81	...	...	1.5	...
93.20	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
309.00	Hewden-Stuart	163 †	-1	...	2.5	29.1
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
265.50	Heywd Wm	355	+1	12.5	4.4	...
49.70	Higgs & Hill	113	-3	2.5	2.8	...
12.20	How Gp	29½	-½	...	4.8	...
5.38	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
152.70	Ibstock Johnsen	61 †	-3	1.0	2.0	...
9.49	Jarvis	14	-3	...	...	...
138.80	Laing (J)	303	+2	9.0	3.7	12.1
48.40	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120½	+½	...	6.6	...
9.35	Ln Clydeside	103	...	4.5	5.5	38.6
14.10	Lovell (YJ)	17	-1	...	...	7.7
111.80	Manders	299	-2	9.3	3.9	18.3
451.40	Marley	159	-5	4.2	3.3	46.6
134.90	Marshalls	111	...	...	4.5	76.4
45.70	Maunders (J)	185 †	+2	5.1	3.5	∞
120.30	McAlpine (A)	213	-1	6.5	3.8	36.9
30.90	McCarthy & S	44	...	0.5	1.4	...
535.40	Meyer Int	430	-13	...	2.9	43.1
127.90	Mowlem (J)	118	+1	4.0	4.2	...
25.00	NSM	146	-1	...	...	...
4.01	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
181.10	Newman Tnks	150	+1	...	3.6	20.0
288.70	Persimmon	294	+1	8.6	3.7	30.0
2.34	Phoenix Timber	10 †	...	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	∞
116.30	Prowting	150	-11	3.4	2.8	...
1.27	Quiligotti	1½	...	...	...	...
1,577.80	RMC Gp	805	-32	...	3.1	30.2
144.60	Raine Ind	77 †	-3	...	4.9	18.2
2.26	Ramus	20	...	...	...	...
2,716.90	Redland	538	-18	25.0	5.8	31.3
12.30	Roskel	82 †	+5	4.3	6.6	12.1
833.90	Rugby Group	285	-5	6.4	2.8	21.8
10.50	Svrfld-Rvea	67	...	...	0.5	...
29.70	Sharpe & Fisher	144	+10	...	3.5	25.0
155.80	Sheffield Insl	239	+9	...	2.8	58.7
17.80	Sherriff Hldgs	170	...	...	1.7	25.3
2.88	Shorco	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
22.70	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
10.10	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
1,256.80	Tarmac	137	-6	5.5	5.0	...
38.50	Tay Homes	176 †	...	5.8	4.2	∞
514.00	Taylor Woodrw	123	-6	1.0	1.0	...
212.90	Tilbury Dougls	630	+17	33.0	6.5	20.5
3.66	Torex Hire	36	-1	...	1.4	...
262.50	Travis Perkins	277	-2	8.0	3.6	48.6
12.50	Try Group	29	+1	1.0	4.3	8.2
2.51	Tudor	23	-2	...	1.4	...
42.80	Vibroplant	93	...	2.5	3.4	33.4
21.00	Ward Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
0.88	Waterhouse	35	+2	...	...	...
88.40	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
4.41	Wescol	18 †	-3	...	...	∞
109.10	Westbury	164	+2	5.0	3.8	25.6
3.66	West Seafield	7	-½	...	...	...
	Wiggins	3½	+½	...	...	...
346.10	Wilson Bowdn	446	-2	8.8	2.5	30.6
363.80	Wilson (C)	192	-1	3.9	2.6	33.3
627.40	Wimpey G	174	-3	...	3.8	...
5.02	YRM	38	...	0.5	1.6	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
840.10	ADT	605	+10	...	...	...
10.10	Adam & Harvey	235	...	12.0	6.4	4.3
5.59	Air London	63	...	...	7.2	∞
3.31	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
167.50	Auto Sec	143	+3	...	5.3	25.6
1,177.10	BET Ord	126	-10½	...	2.3	5.0
26.30	BNB Res	109	...	4.9	5.7	...
80.50	BPP	306	...	8.3	3.4	16.9
37.70	Barbour Index	227	...	8.0	4.4	15.5
19.60	Boustead	23	-1	0.7	3.8	...
64.40	Brit Data Mgt	265	+17	4.7	2.2	19.3
4.14	Broadcastle	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
7.47	Brooks Service	61	-8	...	1.0	...
51.20	CRT Gp	97	...	...	3.6	17.2
87.70	Capita Group	185	+2	...	1.5	28.9
34.80	Casket Plc	43½	+3	...	2.3	16.7
21.80	Chiltern Capital	23½	-½	...	...	...
11.70	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
1,014.60	Chubb Sec	363	+4	...	1.6	22.5
5.78	Comace	90 #	...	...	2.1	22.1
13.50	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
17.90	Cronin Cstng	75	...	...	...	...
19.10	Dart	125	...	3.3	3.3	17.0
220.90	Davis Service	217	-5	...	4.6	16.3
5.59	EW Facia	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
25.20	Gardiner	23½	-1½	0.4	2.2	16.3
1,076.30	Hays	367	-8	5.3	2.5	∞
164.70	Hogg Robinsn	238	...	...	3.5	17.4
17.20	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	3.4
8,780.40	Hutch Whamp	253	+17	...	1.9	21.1
558.40	ISS B DKr	2150	-25	...	4.6	3.0
2,609.50	Inchcape	498 †	-20	...	3.6	16.2
171.40	Johnson Clean	870	...	25.7	3.7	19.0
86.30	Lep	9½	-½	...	...	...
31.50	Mitie Gp	279	...	3.5	1.6	21.7
805.80	Manpower	1083	-12	...	...	...
35.90	Michael Page	60	...	1.8	3.8	25.5
6.06	Pennine	128	...	...	9.8	4.8
1.75	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
49.60	Proudfoot Alex	78	-1	...	24.0	4.3
41.40	RCO	387	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
8.23	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
53.20	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
24.90	Reliance Secs	110	+1	...	5.1	23.9
1,957.70	Rentokil	201	-6	2.5	1.6	25.1
14.50	Rolfe & Nolan	380	...	...	3.5	14.7
1,057.40	Salvesen (C)	366	-7	...	2.7	20.1
3.02	Scott Pickford	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
16.30	Select Appt	8½	-1	...	...	...
138.30	Serco Gp	1203	+10	13.3	1.4	33.3
8.85	Sherwd Cmpt	145	-2	...	6.0	4.2
61.50	Sketchley	106	...	...	3.5	24.2
81.80	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
14.50	Welpac	32	-1	...	...	...
35.50	Wills Gp	29½	+1½	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
630.50	Allied Colloids	340	+2	...	2.2	21.1
527.30	Amersham	925	+44	...	1.8	32.0
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
6,327.50	BASF DM	£110½	-100	...	6.0	...
395.90	BTP	295	-3	...	3.9	20.3
8,390.30	Bayer DM50	£127½	-118½	...	4.3	...
76.30	Blagden	164	...	6.5	5.0	17.7
79.00	Brent Chems	117	+1	...	7.9	10.7
140.30	Br Bio-Tech	393	+7	...	...	...
5.15	Caird Gp	9	-3	...	22.2	25.0
47.00	Canning (W)	166	-5	7.2	5.5	19.0
2,046.20	Courtaulds	509	+12	...	3.4	13.5
439.20	Croda	335	+1	...	3.0	19.2
13.40	Doeflex	124 †	...	4.6	4.6	9.5
180.30	Ellis & Everard	216	-1	...	4.0	20.5
12.00	Euro Colour	40	-½	0.8	2.5	34.5
101.60	Halstead (J)	341 †	+2	6.5	2.4	∞
208.20	Hickson	172	...	...	5.8	15.9
6,733.40	Hoechst	£113½	-17½	...	3.2	...
190.60	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	2.1	20.5
5,162.40	ICI	716	-13	...	4.8	...
1,294.30	Laporte	678	-8	19.9	3.7	18.7
134.20	Leigh	210	-5	...	4.7	20.3
13.70	MTM	53	...	...	...	...
4,107.90	Norsk Hydro	2000	+47½	...	1.4	28.5
112.20	Paterson Zoch	460	...	12.6	3.5	∞
96.10	-do- 'A'	418	...	12.6	3.9	∞
101.70	Plysu	214	...	...	4.1	14.0
46.40	Porvair	301	+25	3.8	1.6	32.2
30.40	Suncliffe Speak	54	...	...	...	...
111.20	Wardle Storeys	450	+1	17.0	4.7	18.1
39.40	Wistnhlme R	533	+5	17.0	4.0	18.2
186.90	Yorks Chem	409	+4	...	2.4	21.4
253.50	Yule Catto	255 †	+10	...	2.9	15.9
7,304.90	Zeneca	773	-24½	...	4.4	45.7

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
41.40	Alexon	73	+3	...	5.1	...
64.00	Amber Day	55	...	3.1	7.0	15.1
1,013.80	Argos Plc	341	-12	...	2.6	29.1
16.90	Ashley Group	12	-1½	...	2.0	...
216.10	Ashley (Laura)	92	-2	0.1	0.1	...
263.30	Asprey	330	+4	5.1	1.9	22.9
47.10	Austin Reed	154 †	-4	...	2.0	...
71.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	+1	...	5.0	15.5
46.10	Bentalls	110	+5	1.0	2.2	...
203.80	Betterware	200	-6	...	1.3	23.0
14.60	Blacks Leis	46	+3	2.2	6.2	...
395.00	Body Shop	211	-4	...	1.1	27.1
81.70	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	6.6
308.80	Brown (N)	423	-10	...	2.2	24.7
1,066.60	Burton	76	-5½	...	3.3	...
25.90	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.2	∞
37.60	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
27.90	Clinton Cards	164 †	+9	4.3	3.3	19.8
1,789.00	Coats Viyella	276½	-2	...	3.4	38.2
19.80	Colourvision	98	-2	5.6	7.1	17.6
33.60	C'ty Casuals	175	+4	...	3.0	16.1
197.20	Courts Furnish	805	+62	5.5	0.9	10.1
2.16	Crown Eye	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
2,092.00	Dairy Farm Intl	126	+2	...	2.9	18.5
110.50	Dewhirst (I.J)	98	+2	0.8	1.1	28.3
1,049.40	Dixons Grp	366	-10½	...	2.9	...
6.30	ERA Gp	11	+1	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
16.90	Essex Furn	148 †	-1	...	3.0	∞
165.90	Etam	254	-1	7.0	3.5	23.1
457.70	Fine Art Dev	575	-4	12.7	2.8	18.8
3.42	Fired Earth Tiles	60	...	...	...	...
13.50	Formminster	573	...	14.0	3.1	10.4
22.40	French Conn	140	+17	...	...	...
26.30	Gent SR	73 †	...	2.1	3.6	∞
15.80	Goldsmiths Gp	72	+3	0.3	0.5	...
5,402.20	GUS	537 †	+2	...	1.4	17.2
3.44	Hampden Grp	23	-1	...	5.4	11.4
66.00	Hartstone	63	-1	...	5.6	...
32.50	Helene Plc	2½ †	...	2.0	9.7	12.3
3.27	Heritage	74	...	...	...	...
5.77	Honeysuckle	71	+8	...	4.0	...
15.20	Jacques Vert	160	+1	...	2.3	12.3
4,362.40	Kingfisher	656	+4	...	2.6	22.6
23.90	Leslie Wise Gp	89	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
95.40	Liberty	575	...	7.2	1.6	67.7
324.30	Lloyds Chem	275 †	+6	7.2	3.3	∞
816.90	MFI	140½	-5½	...	3.3	29.5
11,168.90	Marks Spencer	403½	-1	...	2.5	22.2
320.80	Menzies (John)	577	-1	...	2.3	16.4
42.30	Moss Bros	282	+15	5.5	2.7	29.5
717.70	Next	194½	-5	3.5	2.3	23.0
9.86	Oliver (G)	39	+3	...	...	...
171.40	Ordiame Intl	321	+1	...	3.7	15.7
63.30	Pentos	44	...	0.8	2.3	9.2
75.10	QS Hldgs	191 †	-1	5.1	3.4	13.8
27.10	Rhino Grp	50½	+3½	...	...	...
31.40	Rosebys	167	+2	...	3.6	20.0
173.50	Sherwood Gp	156	...	...	2.1	14.1
1,741.70	Sears	115½	-3	...	3.8	...
88.70	Signet Group	30½	+2½	...	...	...
1,313.90	Smith WH 'A'	482	+3	...	3.7	15.8
2.80	Specialeyes	18	...	...	...	...
811.30	Storehouse	195½	-7½	...	3.2	25.2
101.60	T & S Stores	159	+3	6.0	4.7	11.8
81.50	Tie Rack	158	+2	1.0	0.8	25.0
124.90	Time Products	237	-1	7.7	4.1	20.2
7.69	Usher (Frank)	110	...	...	6.8	9.5
19.80	Vivat	36	-3	1.0	3.5	11.1
3.52	Wensum	47	+6	...	5.1	...
426.80	Wickes	114	...	...	0.2	51.7
5.53	Wid of Leather	68	...	...	...	...
56.50	Wyevale	184	-3	...	2.9	24.3
4.63	Xtra-vision	3	-½	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295.00	ACT Group	160	-13	...	3.9	16.1
36.60	Acal	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
63.70	Acorn Comp	96	-4	...	...	48.7
49.70	Admiral	460	...	5.7	1.5	19.5
75.50	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
12.40	Alphameric	46	+1	...	...	...
279.00	Amstrad	48 †	-1	0.5	1.3	∞
14.70	App Holo	71	...	...	...	...
22.90	Arlen	38	-1	...	...	...
249.30	Astec	81	-1	...	0.4	...
24.00	Beales Hunter	244	+1	...	4.8	15.1
2.65	Bennett & Fount	2½	-½	...	...	...
1,436.40	BICC	409 †	+10	19.2	5.9	...
132.70	Brick	435 †	+8	...	2.9	17.4
319.50	Borland	1125	-25	...	...	...
587.40	Bowthorpe	356	-7	6.4	2.3	23.1
28,671.70	BT	462	-5	...	4.2	21.8
5,770.60	BT P/P	213	-4	...	4.7	22.3
3.51	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	...	0.1	0.9	...
32.60	Burnfield	95	-1	5.7	7.6	15.0
10,026.80	Cable Wireless	501	+18	...	1.9	26.2
58.40	Chloride	24½	-2	...	...	...
46.90	CML Micro	268	-2	...	2.2	19.5
15.30	Compur People	110	...	...	...	...
316.30	Cray Elect	143½	-½	...	1.3	14.7
48.90	Critchley	424	-7	...	1.4	24.4
725.20	Delta	490	-23	...	3.6	20.5
15.60	Denmans El	359	...	...	2.2	15.3
111.10	Domino	434	-14	7.4	2.1	14.8
90.90	Dowding Mills	62	...	...	5.0	26.6
75.20	Druck	1175	+20	10.0	1.1	25.1
926.10	Electrocompnts	441	-4	...	2.2	18.0
54.60	El Data Prc	628	-20	5.1	1.0	17.2
37.10	Electron House	144	+4	2.6	2.3	31.6
22.30	Emess	21	-1	0.1	0.6	...
282.10	Eurotherm	631	+7	8.5	1.7	28.7
802.40	FKI	181	+7	...	2.1	28.5
662.00	Farnell Elect	494	-1	...	1.7	26.0
7.02	Feedback	83	-3	...	2.3	10.8
14.00	Ferranti	1½	-7½	...	...	...
41.50	First Tech	279	-1	...	0.4	23.2
20.30	Forward Gp	252	-5	...	1.6	22.8
5.44	Forward Tech	16	-1	...	...	...
9,620.20	GEC	352	+6	10.3	3.7	17.7
104.40	Graseby	165	-17	...	8.3	34.7
11.00	Graystone	11½	+1	...	...	...
1.35	Hilcare	36	...	...	1.7	...
6.46	INSTEM	135 †	...	...	2.9	9.7
61.80	Ind Control	155	-2	4.4	3.5	∞
70.60	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
15.80	Kalamazoo	86	-2	2.1	3.1	20.0
3.85	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
127.70	Kenwood App	348	-2	...	2.8	19.5
30.20	Kewill Sys	253	+9	...	...	...
15.30	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
4.51	Laser-Scan	28	...	...	...	...
45.20	LBMS	252	-2	...	0.4	35.5
14.10	Lec Refrig	233	+8	9.0	4.8	...
239.60	Life Sciences	141	+4	3.7	3.3	15.3
171.60	Logica	279	+15	...	1.8	32.2
4.51	LPA Ind	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
104.20	MR Data Mngmt	188 †	-4	5.1	3.5	∞
158.10	Macro 4	699	-4	...	3.2	21.2
114.70	Mervier-Swa	235	-4	...	2.0	20.8
218.70	Micro Focus	1540	-53	...	...	14.2
62.60	Microgen	159	-3	7.2	5.7	10.8
18.00	Microvitec	27½	-4	...	...	...
204.50	Misys	527	+9	...	1.7	19.2
384.80	Mitel	487	-44	...	...	...
13.50	MMT Compu	127½	-2½	...	3.6	16.2
8.11	Molynx	43	-2	1.3	...	...
44.90	MTL Inst	255	+3	...	1.8	19.2
17.30	Multitone Elect	115	+5	3.5	3.8	20.9
22.90	Murray Enter	240	...	...	2.1	...
5,912.40	NYNEX	2862½	-100	...	...	...
31.70	Neotronics	131	+3	2.6	2.5	16.9
2.60	Newmark (L)	36	...	...	...	...
19.40	Norbain	255	-22	...	0.7	19.6
10.80	Northamber	61	...	0.6	1.2	...
14.50	Oceonics	10½	-½	...	...	...
138.60	Oxford Inst	287	+7	4.5	2.0	19.8
16.00	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
38.30	P & P	69	-1	1.5	2.7	36.6
88.50	Peek	77	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
14.10	Pegasus	219	...	...	3.6	56.2
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
4,474.20	-do- Lmp nv	1400	+25	...	...	...
99.40	Phonelink	280	-13	...	...	...
26.40	Pifco	285	...	...	1.8	23.9
18.90	-do- 'A' Voting	274	...	...	1.9	23.0
3.48	Plasmec	75	+2	...	5.0	6.3
28.10	Pressac	110	+2	2.5	3.0	∞
37.90	Psion	154	+1	...	2.0	40.9
573.00	Racal Elect	205	-4	4.2	2.6	12.2
9.78	Radamec	53	-2	...	3.6	11.2
9.55	Radius	35	-2	2.2	8.0	12.1
4.76	Real Time	68	+4	...	5.5	14.0
7.02	Riva	27	...	...	...	34.2
88.60	Sage Gp	432	-9	9.3	2.7	13.5
27.80	Sanderson Elec	312	+2	9.9	4.0	13.3
28.60	Scantronic	75	-1	3.1	5.2	16.9
65.20	Scholes Grp	172	...	...	3.6	22.3
293.90	Sema Gp	323	-7	2.9	1.1	26.2
12.70	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.0	...
5.10	Soundtracks	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
3,090.20	TDK	2350	-65½	...	1.3	28.6
1.26	TDS Circuits	14	+½	...	...	...
141.20	Telemetrix	156	-5	0.8	0.6	25.7
4,041.80	THORN EMI	951	+31	...	4.2	19.4
19.30	Thorpe FW	150	+7	...	2.2	17.5
4.85	Total Systems	47	-5	3.0	8.0	8.3
85.60	Tunstall	535	...	5.7	1.3	21.4
201.50	Unitech	295	+5	...	2.6	69.9
19.90	Verity	10	+½	...	...	...
34.70	Vistec	28½	-½	...	1.6	16.3
5,563.20	Vodafone	557	-10	...	1.6	25.1
117.50	Volex	445	-6	17.8	5.0	18.3
3.01	Western Selectn	20	-1	...	...	...
38.30	Wholesale Ftgs	270	+2	11.7	5.4	28.7

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,282.80	East Midlands	598	-2	...	4.1	11.0
1,657.60	Eastern Elect	613	+8	...	3.9	12.2
1,576.20	Hydro-Elect	411	...	...	3.5	14.9
1,323.90	London Elect	607	+2½	...	4.0	12.5
792.40	Manweb	667	+13	...	3.9	9.6
1,320.50	Midlands Elec	630	+2	...	4.0	11.3
5,329.30	National Powr	417	+3	...	3.2	12.4
801.40	Northern Elec	651	-4	...	4.1	9.4
533.30	Nthn Ireland	204	+1	...	3.9	10.9
1,131.20	Norweb	655	+6	20.0	3.8	10.1
3,617.50	PowerGen	462	+2	...	3.8	12.2
3,390.40	Scottish Power	416	+4	...	3.4	15.4
853.00	Seeboard	669	+3	...	3.7	10.8
681.70	Sth Wales	671	+6	...	4.2	11.2
764.50	Sth Western	621	+11	...	4.0	9.9
1,691.00	Southern Elec	624	-½	...	3.9	11.4
1,326.70	Yorkshire Elec	640	+10	...	4.0	12.1

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.40	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
23.90	BWD	128	+7	...	3.3	20.0
30.50	Baltic Plc	101	+2	...	1.2	...
457.00	Caledonia	550	+2	...	3.4	20.4
40.00	Camellia	1600	-100	...	2.4	6.0
69.80	Candover	313	...	10.4	4.2	22.2
87.10	Flextech	254	+79	...	0.2	...
278.30	Goven	340	+4½	...	4.8	10.0
44.70	Ivory Sime	154	...	...	5.3	14.5
2.30	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
238.00	Lon Forfaiting	238	-1	8.7	4.6	17.3
14.60	Manakin	72	+1	5.0	8.7	∞
9.05	Nat Home Loan	8½	-½	...	...	...
18.20	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
64.40	Rathbone Brs	327	...	6.5	2.5	19.9
62.90	Radland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
34.10	S & U	319 †	-2	10.2	4.0	11.9
154.90	Singer & Fried	80½	-½	...	4.7	...
306.10	Sotheby's	908	+38	...	3.8	...
340.60	SJP Capital	125	+4	3.0	3.0	51.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,166.30	Amer Express	2112½	-190½	...	...	...
240.30	Henderson Ad	1123	-5	...	4.7	23.9
423.60	Invesco	171½	-2	...	2.2	...
2,701.90	Jardine Strat	286	+19	...	2.8	12.0
748.20	MAI	230	-3	...	3.8	14.6
1,350.20	MAM	718	+4	15.0	2.6	17.9
754.80	M & G	1005	...	...	2.7	28.7
211.60	Smith New Ct	407	+3	...	1.8	6.2
42.30	Trio Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,218.10	AB Food	494	+10	14.0	3.5	11.3
1,565.50	ASDA Group	54	-2½	1.6	3.7	12.9
93.70	Acatos & Hutch	284	+1	7.6	3.4	16.4
447.60	Albert Fisher	74	-2	3.7	6.5	∞
3,331.10	Argyll	296	-5½	...	4.8	10.9
19.40	Banks (S C)	230	...	9.0	4.9	10.3
61.00	Barr (AG)	323	...	6.5	2.5	16.3
12.50	Bensons Crsp	69	+6	...	5.2	15.5
111.70	Berisford Intl	112½	-3½	...	...	...
818.10	Booker	385 †	+1	...	7.1	33.4
27.70	Borthwick	48	+1½	...	3.1	59.6
242.90	Brake Bros	479	+11	6.3	1.7	19.9
71.60	Budgen	44	-1	...	2.8	13.4
3,966.10	Cadbury-Schw	479	-10	...	3.5	16.9
8.98	Carrs Milling	132	+10	3.9	3.7	26.4
25.80	Cranswick	191	...	...	5.2	14.3
3.53	Cullens	17½	-1	0.5	4.6	38.8
15.80	Dalepak	136	-1	6.0	5.5	10.7
1,068.90	Dalgety	408 †	-1	...	5.5	13.4
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
328.10	Devro	243	+5	...	2.8	23.1
26.10	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
85.80	Farepak	380	+2	5.7	1.9	23.4
2.06	Farringford	8	-½	...	...	...
80.80	Finlay (James)	81	...	...	6.6	26.2
280.50	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.5	18.0
272.10	Geest	379	+2	8.1	2.7	10.9
16.30	Global	13½	...	...	4.6	21.0
19.00	Grand Central	48	+1	1.2	3.3	∞
438.10	Hazlewood Fds	189	...	...	4.2	10.7
1,135.70	Hillsdown	165	+1	8.8	6.8	12.8
485.90	Iceland Group	177	-10	...	2.5	11.2
44.80	JLI Group	108	...	...	5.4	12.0
991.90	Kwik Save	642	-42	16.7	3.3	12.3
86.50	Low (Wm)	162	-7	8.4	6.5	7.8
95.60	Matthews (B)	77	...	2.3	3.8	50.4
14.00	Merchant Retail	15½	-2½	1.1	8.9	31.7
699.40	Morrison (W)	98	-6	...	1.1	12.7
90.80	Nichols (JN)	230	+6	13.9	7.6	6.7
1,340.80	Nthn Foods	234	-5	...	4.5	11.6
5.73	Nrthumbrn Fn	12	+1	...	...	...
239.80	Nurdin Peack	189	+8	...	4.1	10.5
126.00	Park Foods	241	-7	...	3.1	18.6
103.10	Perkins Food	84	-1	...	6.6	9.6
95.00	PizzaExpress	104	-7	...	0.6	22.0
6.30	Regina Hlth	4½	-½	...	...	...
7,059.70	Sainsbury J	396½	-29½	...	3.2	13.9
3.13	Senty Farms	73	-2	...	2.6	13.1
34.10	Sims Food	114	-1	...	8.2	22.0
1,366.80	Tate & Lyle	382	+14	12.3	4.0	12.0
3,980.80	Tesco	203	-13	...	4.5	9.2
107.00	Thorntons	168 †	-4	...	2.7	...
14.90	Treats	156	...	...	3.0	17.8
880.70	Unigate	377	-12	...	5.3	12.4
1,953.00	Utd Biscuits	372 †	-4	...	5.1	23.0
21.20	Usborne	23	+½	...	3.0	∞
116.80	Watson & Phil	301	...	13.2	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk H	26	+2	...	...	...
174.60	City Centre Rest	91½	-2	1.5	2.1	22.1
1,878.70	Forte	221½	-1½	...	4.2	17.4
25.90	Friendly Hotels	154	...	...	4.6	30.0
7.88	Harmony Leis	10	-½	...	...	...
33.80	Jurys Hotel	128	-6	...	5.0	10.2
1,973.90	Ladbroke	173	-10	11.1	8.1	14.8
529.80	Mandarin Orntl	78	+6	...	4.3	19.3
439.00	Queens Moat	47½	...	...	...	...
160.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
12.10	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.4	...
228.80	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	-15	7.0	1.1	...
240.30	Stakis	63	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
7.82	AAF Inds	34	-10	...	...	2.1
452.20	AAH	515	...	...	4.2	16.5
25.80	AIM	185	...	7.5	5.1	11.2
305.80	APV	104	+1	...	6.5	...
126.00	ASW	188	-6	...	4.0	...
143.90	Adwest	177 †	+10	...	5.1	17.0
7.60	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	26.3
65.20	Airsprung	275	-3	...	2.0	17.6
62.00	Alexdra W	184	+2	4.1	2.8	28.8
4.18	Allied Radio	8½	-½	...	...	...
86.00	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
22.00	Alvis	40	-1	1.0	3.1	8.2
22.10	Amber Ind	565	+5	...	4.1	12.9
3.00	Amberley Gp	50	-1	...	2.5	...
38.10	Anagen	82	-1	...	...	...
12.30	Andrews Sykes	86	...	...	6.4	...
393.40	Antofagasta	980	+7	...	2.1	18.0
13.60	Armour	50½	...	...	4.2	11.7
39.20	Ash & Lacy	150 †	+2	6.4	5.3	15.3
9.19	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
137.30	Avon Rubber	520	...	...	4.0	20.7
29.30	Assoc Nursg	266	...	...	0.5	16.2
54.60	Atlas Equip	525	...	...	5.2	13.2
6.30	Ayrshire Metal	63	+3	...	...	...
761.00	BBA	188	+30	...	5.0	16.0
5.38	BLP Group	81	+3	...	...	...
25.80	BM Gp	23	+1½	3.4	18.5	1.0
3,132.10	BOC	658	...	23.8	4.5	14.4
183.10	BSG	70½	...	...	5.7	24.5
125.60	BSS Group	483	+10	...	4.5	28.9
12,538.70	BTR	371	-4½	...	3.7	20.7
80.60	BWI	169	-1	6.7	5.1	∞
188.40	Babcock	35	-½	...	7.5	20.9
4.26	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
308.80	Baird (Wm)	273	-2	8.9	4.1	18.7
1,264.00	Barlow Rand	643½	-6½	...	5.2	3.7
88.40	Baynes (Charles)	64	+2	...	2.9	26.2
3.67	Beaufort	4½	...	...	...	...
3.09	Beckenham	3½	-1	...	...	...
1.52	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
20.90	Benson Group	16	-½	...	2.3	12.1
122.70	Bespak	485	-5	10.0	2.6	15.2
128.20	Bibby (J)	82	-1	8.9	13.6	4.8
4.54	Billam (J)	280	-3	5.3	2.4	14.1
2.36	Bilston Burses	28	+1	...	...	...
5.72	Binnec Ind	4½	...	...	...	...
47.30	Birkby	217	+1	3.5	2.0	30.6
9.40	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
6.09	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
132.60	Black (Peter)	242	+2	3.7	1.9	21.3
40.30	Bluebird Toys	518	+2	...	1.1	15.8
164.20	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.0
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
5,392.40	Boots	519	+4	...	3.2	19.3
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,208.10	Bowater	442½	-14½	...	3.4	18.5
480.50	Bowater Inc	1326 †	+57	...	...	...
61.70	Boxmore Intl	278 †	+2	...	1.7	30.8
11.70	Brasway	15	...	...	4.3	...
132.60	Brammer	296	+6	13.0	5.5	22.0
6.46	Bridgend Gp	22	-1	0.4	...	...
67.50	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
7.51	Bridport-Gndry	75	+2	2.5	4.2	∞
1,135.30	Brierley Inv	45	-2	...	7.6	∞
26.90	Br Bldg & Eng	240	-5	8.0	4.3	∞
2.96	Br Bloodstock	78	...	...	...	...
138.00	Br Polythene	463 †	-2	...	2.8	16.6
2,590.00	Br Steel	129½	-1½	...	1.0	...
28.80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
26.00	Br Thornton	162	+6	...	1.9	17.7
542.80	Br Vita	252	+9	7.3	3.6	15.5
77.10	Britton Grp	15	-½	...	1.5	...
13,056.10	Broken Hill	788 †	+24	...	2.2	37.2
75.80	Bromsgrve Ind	106	+1	...	5.2	13.8
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
15.60	Brown & Tawse	49	-4	...	...	...
149.90	Bullough	125	-2	6.0	6.1	21.4
10.30	Business Tech	22	-1	...	...	...
18.20	CI Group	21	-1	0.5	3.5	19.8
3.75	Campbl & Arm	36	-2	...	...	...
32.00	Cannon St	31	+½	...	...	...
137.50	Cape	259	+2	...	5.1	17.5
149.20	Carclo Eng	247	...	8.6	4.4	17.6
1,865.20	Carnaud Mtl	2313	-62	...	2.7	∞
3.89	Cassidy Bros	72	...	...	4.2	11.8
44.90	Castings	213	...	4.3	2.6	15.0
182.50	Cathay Intl	65	-1	...	...	...
13.00	Chamberlin Hill	178	+3	6.2	4.4	11.1
508.20	Charter	744	-6	...	3.7	17.5
60.40	Chemring	310	+2	...	3.4	18.7
4.43	Chieftain Gp	51	...	4.5	11.0	10.9
11.40	Chillington	40	-3	0.2	0.8	...
325.00	Christies Intl	200	+1	...	0.9	50.4
10.50	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
1.49	Clayton Son	68	-7	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers	7 #	...	...	...	...
6.74	Cohen (A)	363	...	3.4	1.2	...
78.50	Community H	240	-13	...	3.6	16.4
114.70	Concentric	212	-3	...	3.3	17.9
59.30	Cook (Wm)	271	-3	5.0	2.3	16.4
1,153.40	Cookson	206	-1	...	3.6	27.3
7.71	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
59.40	Cntwll Pkr 'A'	147	+4	...	4.8	19.9
15.10	Cosalt	131	-1	8.6	8.2	19.9
9.24	Creighton Nt	200	+2	...	4.6	14.3
55.70	CrestaCare	33	...	0.6	2.5	28.6
1,808.10	Dana	3037½	...	...	...	...
542.80	Danka Bs Sys	300	+3	...	0.6	28.4
118.40	David Brown	223	...	...	3.4	15.8
1.08	Davies (DT)	17	...	...	...	...
1,458.40	De La Rue	760	-15	...	2.8	20.2
3.07	Dinkie Heel	30	...	1.1	4.7	23.5
310.20	Diploma	557	+1	10.7	2.4	24.0
100.10	Dobson Park	80	+2	5.0	7.9	14.4
1.96	Dyson (J&J)	119	+1	5.0	5.3	21.9
10.00	-do- 'A'	83	+2	5.0	7.5	15.3
7.50	EPG	16	+3½	...	...	...
183.50	EIS	416	+4	...	3.7	16.3
3.17	Eldief	25	...	...	...	...
14.20	Eleco	49	+3	...	...	0.00
1,691.80	Electrolux 'B'	2375	-100½	...	2.2	...
17.70	Elliott (B)	72	-1	...	...	...
1,273.20	Eng China Cl	422	-7	...	5.9	24.6
19.50	Environmed	138	...	...	...	59.3
7,061.10	Ericsson 'B'	3762½	+18½	...	0.8	...
31.50	Eurocopy	65	-3	1.0	1.9	25.2
42.90	Expamet	68	-2	...	4.4	1.6
255.20	Fairey Group	686	+10	10.7	1.9	21.1
73.20	Fenner	109 †	+4	2.5	2.9	23.2
8.26	Ferraris Group	64	...	...	3.4	15.0
4.33	Ferromet	2	+½	...	...	...
5.86	Ferrum	18	-1	1.4	9.7	12.6
6.31	Fife Indmar	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
1,112.70	Fisons	161	-9	...	6.9	14.6
59.70	Fitzwilton	51	+5	...	8.9	...
67.10	Flogas	273	...	...	3.6	12.5
11.40	Folkes Group nv	37	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
10.30	French (Thomas)	86	+3	3.6	5.3	43.1
160.50	Frost Group	228 †	+1	...	2.4	29.5
31.30	GEI Intl	85	...	...	7.3	...
1,262.30	GKN	478½	+4½	...	5.4	31.9
5.79	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
3.50	Garton Eng	92 †	...	4.1	5.6	...
290.60	Gestetner	155	...	8.2	6.6	∞
12.70	Glever	56	+13	...	...	40.5
20,693.40	Glaxo	682½	-33	...	4.0	17.9
8.09	Glenchewton	31	...	...	...	...
636.50	Glynwed	309	-7	11.6	4.8	28.7
66.10	Goode Durrant	125	-2	...	5.4	...
98.80	Grampian Fd	143	-2	3.5	4.9	24.5
2,223.00	Granada	475	-2	7.9	2.1	25.3
32.60	Great Sthrn	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
7.72	Green (Ernst)	96	-3	...	9.5	∞
26.00	Greenacre	15	-½	...	2.5	14.8
1.47	Guardian Grp	7½	-1½	...	...	...
55.40	Haden MacLn	63	+1	...	4.0	22.7
6.44	Hadleigh Inds	89	...	...	0.7	...
80.90	Hall Eng	276	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
388.50	Halma	198	+1	...	1.2	26.6
26.90	Hampson Ind	44	-1	1.6	4.5	14.5
13,735.10	Hanson	270½	-2	...	5.3	13.8
18.00	Harris (Philip)	161	-1	...	5.3	9.8
1,307.20	Harrisn Crsfld	188	-4	9.0	6.0	27.1
28.80	Havelock Euro	111	+2	...	...	...
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
4.03	Headway	25	...	0.7	3.5	∞
2.27	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
821.90	Hepworth	399	+2	14.8	4.7	17.2
12.00	Hewitt (J)	213	-10	3.2	1.9	16.6
2.04	High-Point	40	+9	0.5	1.6	...
48.30	Hill & Smith	162	...	...	4.3	22.5
15.90	Hobson	17½	-1	...	...	...
5.49	Holders Tech	176	...	...	...	...
38.20	Hopkinsons	49 †	...	0.9	2.3	37.1
14.10	Hornby	174	...	...	6.5	16.4
232.50	Howden	82	-1	2.2	3.3	15.3
230.60	Hunting	240 †	+1	...	5.2	20.3
124.30	Huntligh Tec	478	-5	...	2.6	12.2
941.30	IMI	290	+8	...	4.3	25.7
45.00	ISA Intl	116	-2	1.5	1.7	18.0
36.50	Intercare Gp	143	+1	...	2.4	15.1
34.70	Isotron	280	...	4.3	1.9	∞
4,583.30	Jardine Math	643	+35	...	1.9	23.5
945.10	Johnson Matth	499	+11	...	2.6	21.9
59.00	Johnson & FB	42	...	3.0	8.9	13.0
15.50	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	...
6.42	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
5.87	Jourdan (T)	31	+2	0.7	3.1	...
223.10	Kalon	168½	-½	...	2.6	23.4
7.68	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
210.30	Kershaw (A)	805	+50	27.0	5.6	31.4
30.90	Kleeneze	223	+14	...	...	...
6.36	LGW	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
397.30	Laird	339	-1	...	3.9	16.7
41.70	Lilleshall	155	+4	...	3.5	20.4
13.90	Lincat	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
3.55	Lincoln Hse	22	-½	...	...	18.1
13.10	Linread	109	...	3.8	4.4	16.8
34.30	Linton Park	255	-3	...	6.9	9.2
21.60	Lionheart	11	+1	0.2	2.3	...
6.00	Locker (T) A	30	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
284.30	Lon Intl	168	...	9.4	7.0	12.8
994.70	Lonrho	129½	-1	...	3.9	...
345.50	Low & Bonar	354	...	...	3.3	49.6
1,951.00	MB-Caradon	329	-4	...	3.3	26.6
296.10	-do- pf	164½ †	-1	7.2	5.5	...
60.10	ML Hdgs	40	...	...	...	...
12.80	MS Intl	47	...	...	6.6	48.4
22.90	MY Holdings	55	-2	...	2.9	∞
151.20	Macfarlane	200	-2	...	2.1	22.7
400.30	McKechnie	437	+3	14.7	4.3	∞
63.50	McLeod Russel	105	+2	6.0	7.1	12.8
10.00	Maddox	2½	-½	...	...	12.3
5.74	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
18.90	Mang Bronze	115	+18	2.5	2.8	∞
42.60	Marling	24	+1	...	3.4	...
40.70	Mayborn	205	...	...	3.2	15.7
109.00	Mayflower	55	-3	...	1.0	45.9
311.10	Meters	114	-9	...	2.6	9.3
213.60	Meggitt	99	-1	...	4.8	16.8
94.00	Metalr	115	-3	...	4.1	18.8
36.90	Metrotect	153	...	...	2.6	21.3
15.10	Metsec	98	...	...	...	...
42.70	Midsmes	88 †	+1	...	1.1	12.2
3.35	Mining & Ald	26	+1	0.3	2.4	...
158.10	Molins	510	+5	...	3.5	12.3
691.60	Morgan Cble	319 †	-5	...	4.9	16.7
14.50	Morris Ashby	177	...	...	3.8	13.4
8.90	Neepsend	37	+8	0.7	2.5	49.6
45.60	Nestor-BNA	61	...	3.1	6.5	14.6
23.30	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
286.50	Norcros	164	-8	...	5.3	24.0
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
163.60	Nu-Swift	370	+20	...	...	∞
3.46	Office Elec Mac	63	...	0.1	0.2	...
19.20	OMI Intl	43	...	...	5.1	...
11.80	PCT	155	-21	...	5.8	17.6
3.38	Pacer Systems	72 †	...	...	6.0	...
360.30	Pentland	100	-3	...	3.3	13.6
202.00	Plano-Me	340	+13	4.6	1.7	22.0
1,157.00	Pilkington	147	+5	...	3.4	...
63.70	Planstbrook	86	...	3.1	4.5	13.6
229.60	Polypipe	147	...	2.1	1.8	∞
17.90	Porter Chadbrn	19	-1	...	8.2	8.7
2.21	Porth Gp	11½	-1½	...	...	...
318.10	Powerscreen	369	+6	...	2.2	19.2
34.70	Prospect Inds	19½	+½	0.7	4.7	9.9
7.66	RPS Group	84	...	2.3	4.5	14.1
1.16	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
28.00	Ransom Oil	155	+23	...	0.8	51.9
2,750.10	Rank Org	841	+21	31.0	4.6	23.0
9.63	Ransomes	17	...	...	...	...
2,531.30	Reckitt Colm	675 †	+17	...	3.1	15.6
23.30	Record	70 †	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
6.12	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
55.20	Relyon	283	+3	5.0	2.4	31.6
138.60	Renishaw	285 †	+5	...	2.9	33.9
71.70	Renold	109	...	...	1.1	...
6,781.10	Reuters	1634	-2	22.1	1.7	27.0
11.80	Rexmore	67	...	1.7	3.3	...
56.90	Ricardo Group	180	-4	...	4.0	25.5
6.20	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
21.60	Richardson West	82	+1	3.0	4.6	21.0
8.76	Ropner	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
19.70	-do- 'A'	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
28.60	Ross Gp	25	...	0.6	3.3	10.1
152.10	Rotork	175	+2	...	2.7	20.5
31.60	Rubicon	161	...	...	3.3	22.6
14.60	Russell (A)	82	-3	...	1.0	...
16.90	SEP Indl	27½	-½	...	3.4	25.2
669.30	SKF 'B'	1050	...	...	...	...
60.00	Saville Grdn (J)	60	+3	...	4.6	29.9
501.00	Scapa	214	-1	...	3.3	16.3
135.70	Scholl	202	...	...	3.9	14.7
1.79	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
45.40	Securicor	1093	+3	2.6	0.3	41.6
657.70	-do- 'A'	813	+13	2.6	0.4	30.9
792.50	Security Serv	723	+13	5.1	0.9	35.8
301.40	Senior Eng	125 †	+2	...	3.2	20.9
95.90	Seton Health	323	+7	...	2.3	19.0
3.36	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
8.43	Shiloh	146	+6	3.0	2.6	15.6
176.70	Sidlaw	323	-1	...	4.1	20.7
2,127.80	Siebe	547	+4	...	2.3	20.2
169.90	Silentnight	300	-1	...	2.8	19.4
2,209.00	Sime Darby	141	-3	...	3.8	∞
80.50	Simon Eng	86	-2	...	...	...
39.90	Sinclair (Wm)	183 †	...	...	4.8	14.2
21.70	Six Hundred	44	-1	...	5.0	...
1,480.90	Smith & Neph	143½	...	...	4.1	15.9
5,745.60	Smithkline	420	-28	9.6	2.9	15.1
4,938.70	Smthkline Uts	377	-29	...	3.2	12.7
1,228.70	Smiths Ind	413	+14	...	3.7	16.5
79.20	Sthn Bus	82	...	3.5	5.3	7.8
49.70	Spandex	462	+1	...	1.8	20.4
54.60	Spear (JW)	660	+60	4.5	0.9	12.4
277.80	Spirax-Sarco	367	+1	...	3.2	23.0
205.10	Spring Ram	55½	-1½	...	0.5	18.1
255.40	Staveley	224	...	...	4.7	12.7
45.60	Sterling Ind	163	...	...	4.3	25.0
192.70	Suter	176	-1	9.0	6.4	18.4
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	448	+47	...	2.0	∞
4.22	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
5.09	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	7.2	10.3
25.00	Syltone	153 †	+5	...	3.9	20.3
1,613.60	TI	347	-8	...	3.9	23.7
6.55	TLS Range	29	-3	...	1.1	...
325.70	TT Group	318	+1	...	2.6	19.6
272.90	Takare	218 †	-4	...	1.0	19.0
7,145.20	Takeda Chem	817	-17	...	0.8	15.5
4.52	Tex Hldgs	68	...	...	...	...
7.36	Tinsley (E)	101	...	...	6.1	15.6
27.00	Tiknu	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
2,792.50	Tomkins	250	-9	...	3.2	18.4
1,038.20	Trafalgar H	97½	+3	...	4.1	7.1
95.40	Transfer Tech	100	...	3.2	4.0	12.6
109.00	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
372.70	UniChem	266 †	-3	6.4	3.0	17.4
70.20	Unidare	385	...	...	5.4	18.3
9.89	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
9,334.60	Unilever	1151	-6	21.3	2.3	15.6
12,949.20	Unilever (NV)	7687½	-43½	...	2.7	12.7
323.30	VSEL	853	-5	...	4.2	9.2
16.40	Verson	11½	-½	...	...	...
463.70	Vickers	141	-5	...	2.0	...
123.40	Victaulic	277	...	...	3.5	13.7
184.00	Vinten	451	+2	...	2.0	20.9
209.80	Vosper Thorny	679	+9	...	2.9	16.4
4.57	WSP Hldgs	43	-2	...	7.8	11.2
192.10	Waggon Ind	445	...	...	4.9	19.6
90.00	Walker Greenbk	94 †	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
381.50	Wassall	250	+1	2.7	1.4	25.2
276.40	Watford Widgwd	39	+½	...	...	...
479.50	Weir	307	-5	...	2.5	17.3
5,975.40	Wellcome	690	-155½	17.3	3.2	∞
6.28	Wellman	19½	...	0.9	5.8	31.8
180.00	West Hlthcare	353	-4	...	1.3	∞
110.40	Whatman	484	...	9.7	2.5	16.4
75.40	Whessoe	259	-3	...	3.9	10.1
31.50	Whitecroft	72	+2	...	...	...
11.40	Whitney	8½	+½	...	...	...
22.20	Willes (James)	126	...	3.5	...	36.9
1,656.30	Williams Hldg	338	+6	12.5	4.6	17.7
32.30	Wishaw	40	+1½	...	1.6	25.2
1,875.30	Wolseley	708	-5	13.3	2.4	∞
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
11.80	Wyko	36	-1	...	3.5	...
8.62	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
525.30	Alex & Alex	1375	+50	...	4.8	...
4,295.00	Am Gen	1987½	-12½	...	3.7	...
15.70	Archer (A)	62	+1	2.7	5.4	30.2
10.10	Berry Bch Nbl	155	-8	...	4.4	11.8
74.30	Bradstock	137	+4	5.2	4.7	16.9
874.60	Britannic	463	...	...	3.1	...
3,619.60	Com Union	651	-2	...	4.6	...
118.90	Dom & Gen	1748 †	-2	...	1.6	23.1
113.90	FAI	46	+8	...	...	...
3,265.20	Gen Accident	724 †	+6	26.7	4.6	...
1,857.50	GRE	214 †	-10	7.1	4.2	17.8
263.60	Heath C E	408	...	...	4.9	...
106.90	Hogg Gp	165	+4	8.1	6.3	14.7
221.70	HB Group	175	...	...	5.4	17.9
2,562.00	Legal & Gen	525	-15	...	4.6	31.9
2,357.60	Liberty Life	1011	-9	...	10.5	19.7
3,122.30	Lloyds Abbey	464	-4	17.3	4.7	16.7
203.50	Lloyd Thomp	301	+8	6.7	2.8	18.7
447.20	Londn & Man	373	-13	14.7	4.9	27.5
121.10	Lowndes Lmb	431	+6	13.5	3.9	15.5
4,033.80	Marsh McLn	5500	-162½	...	3.3	...
120.20	Oriel	120	-8	...	5.3	...
21.90	PWS	70	+4	4.0	7.1	10.2
6,925.30	Prudential	367	-1	...	4.2	24.4
525.80	Refuge	1023	-15	32.2	3.9	28.3
2,057.20	Royal	317	-9	...	2.6	...
950.70	Sedgwick	185	+2	...	4.1	22.8
71.60	Steel Burrill	153	+2	...	9.8	9.0
43.00	Sturge Hldgs	85	-2	6.5	9.6	8.6
2,974.10	Sun Alliance	369	-13	14.2	4.8	...
137.00	Trade Indemnty	75	...	...	...	...
936.70	Transatlantic	316	...	12.0	4.7	20.3
522.50	Utd Friendly	638	-7	15.1	3.0	27.8
884.90	Willis Corroon	212	-10	...	3.9	45.6
5.34	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
924.80	Alliance	1835	-6	45.5	3.1	40.2
234.50	Amer Trust	281½	+1½	5.2	2.3	58.4
478.50	Ang & O'seas	419	-5	6.8	2.0	53.2
76.00	BZW Conv	150½	-5½	7.8	6.5	∞
286.60	Bankers	185 †	-½	3.6	2.5	50.8
168.30	Baring Tribne	328	+4	6.4	2.5	51.9
10.60	Berry Starq	203	...	2.2	1.4	66.0
410.90	Br Assets	107	-2½	4.2	5.1	∞
111.10	Br Empire Sec	83½	...	0.8	1.3	...
3.99	-do- Wnts	30	...	...	...	...
633.40	Br Inv	203	-4	4.5	2.8	45.7
42.70	Contl Asset	197	+2	2.4	1.5	65.5
17.70	Derby Inc	150	-2	...	11.9	9.0
43.40	-do- Cap	283	-7	...	...	...
10.70	Drayton Blue	85	-2	8.4	12.4	9.4
36.30	-do- Eng Intl	80	-2	1.2	1.9	...
153.70	-do- Far East	133	+1	0.6	0.6	...
27.40	-do- Korea	119	+2	0.5	0.5	...
215.90	Dunedn Inc G	681	-6	...	4.7	31.3
34.40	-do- Japan	86	-5½	...	...	...
3.36	-do- Warrants	42	-3	...	...	...
241.90	-do- Wwde	721	-5	9.5	1.6	74.3
48.70	Dundee & Lon	280	...	...	3.9	26.8
897.60	Edinburgh	305½	-2½	8.5	3.5	33.1
500.00	Electra Inv	289	+1	6.8	3.0	39.4
170.00	Electric Gen	188	-2	3.1	2.1	58.6
1.72	English Scot	114	...	...	...	...
77.10	European Asst	309	+2	...	2.3	40.1
31.70	Finsbury 'A'	132	...	3.0	2.8	42.5
302.60	Fleming Amer	306	+1	0.8	0.3	...
114.60	-do- Claver	215	...	...	3.1	42.4
230.70	Do Contl	338	+2	2.7	1.0	...
80.00	-do- Entp	200	...	...	2.9	40.4
544.30	-do- F East	360	+5	1.1	0.4	...
41.30	-do- Fledg	328	...	3.0	1.1	...
29.70	-do- HI Inc	104	-2	...	5.3	17.8
257.10	-do- Japan	223	-10	0.4	0.3	∞
419.10	-do- Merc	280	...	6.7	2.9	62.1
401.10	-do- O'seas	302	-3	4.2	1.7	63.2
1,403.10	Foreign & Col	267	-3½	...	1.6	72.7
118.00	-do- Emg Mkts	118	...	0.2	0.3	...
63.00	-do- Enterprise	67	+½	0.4	0.8	...
136.30	-do- Eurotst	231	-½	1.2	0.7	...
51.10	-do- German	130	...	0.5	0.5	...
338.70	-do- Pacific	318	+3	...	0.8	...
149.00	-do- Smaller	167	...	1.8	1.4	...
145.40	GT Japan	233	-9½	...	0.7	...
29.70	Genl Cons Cap	164	+1	...	...	...
41.60	-do- Inc	115	-1	...	9.2	11.9
39.40	Govett Am Smlr	158	-5	...	...	...
34.80	-do- Emg Mkts	116	+1	...	...	...
612.80	-do- Oriental	341	+6	0.9	0.3	...
275.90	-do- Strategy	281	-2	6.7	3.0	∞
46.80	Greenfriar	407	+4	...	2.0	61.1
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
348.80	Inv Cap	141	...	5.1	4.6	∞
26.70	IES UK Smllr	92	...	2.8	3.8	25.7
168.92	Kleinwort Chrt	208	+1	5.0	3.0	40.5
197.30	-do- O'seas	246	-4	3.3	1.7	69.9
19.90	-do- Smlr	142	...	...	3.1	34.4
156.20	Law Debenture	688	-1	18.5	3.4	34.4
106.00	Majedie	202	+4	5.0	3.1	∞
285.40	Merchants	279	-1	...	4.9	25.9
6,779.90	Merrill Lynch	6393½ †	...	...	...	...
402.70	Monks Inv Tst	519	...	...	1.6	65.7
13.40	Morg Gren Inc	137	-4	...	3.3	27.2
2.49	Do Warrants	51	-2	...	...	...
17.60	Murray Euro	57	-2	0.1	0.4	...
1.29	Do Wts	21½	-1½	...	...	...
296.70	Murray Incme	354	-6½	10.9	3.8	33.8
425.50	-do- Intl	354	-5	11.6	4.1	31.9
228.30	-do- Small	407	+3	...	...	...
5.16	-do- S/C Inc	94	+1	...	14.5	∞
4.84	-do- S/C Cap	123	-2	...	...	...
1.63	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.3	∞
9.31	-do- S/C DP	155½	-½	...	...	...
76.30	-do- Vent	309	+1	...	4.4	25.0
36.40	Nwthrng Inc	93	...	6.7	9.2	17.2
131.10	O'seas Inv Tst	344	+1½	3.1	1.2	∞
94.10	Pacific Assets	475	+12	1.1	0.3	...
14.60	Do Warrants	379	+12	...	...	...
12.90	Personal Assets	8250 †	-25	17.0	2.6	49.3
301.30	RIT Cap Ptnr	167	-2	1.1	0.9	...
25.30	River & Merc	126	...	0.2	0.1	12.6
	Robeco	425	...	...	3.0	...
	Rolinco	427	...	...	1.8	...
96.70	St Andrew Inv	281	+1	7.5	3.4	37.8
357.80	Scot American	160	...	...	3.6	33.6
58.00	Scott Asian	276	+16	...	...	...
5.20	do Warrants	755	+45	...	...	...
516.40	-do- Eastern	81½	-1½	1.5	2.4	53.5
572.60	Scottish	225	-4½	4.6	2.6	46.7
822.80	-do- Mrge	229½	-6	4.0	2.2	59.2
48.40	-do- Value	101	+½	...	2.3	71.9
314.50	Second Allnce	1638	-7	...	3.0	41.2
296.30	Secs Tst of Scot	92½	-½	3.2	4.4	30.2
47.00	Selective Asset	162½	+½	1.2	0.9	58.4
44.90	Sphere Inv	37	-1	3.1	10.7	11.7
76.70	TR Far East	165	+3	4.6	3.5	36.2
301.60	TR City Of Lon	151½	-1½	...	4.0	33.0
121.30	TR Pacific	181	+5½	0.3	0.2	...
103.10	TR Property	36½	+1	0.9	3.1	38.0
51.50	TR Tech Inv	117	-3	1.7	1.9	43.4
349.30	TR Smlr Cos	196	-2	...	2.4	45.3
205.70	Temple Bar	359	...	13.2	4.6	27.1
106.00	Thrgmtn Asian E	106	+6	0.5	0.6	...
233.90	Throgmorton	77	+½	2.3	3.7	31.4
18.40	Throg Dual Cp	525	-3	...	...	...
88.60	USDC Invest	242	-6	4.5	2.3	44.5
47.90	Value Inc Tst	113	+1	3.4	3.9	27.9
474.50	Whitbread Inv	752	+4	16.5	2.7	45.3
827.50	Witan	220½	-3½	5.6	3.2	38.6

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
419.00	Airtours	454	...	7.7	2.1	16.1
34.50	Ald Leis	54 †	...	3.0	6.9	∞
167.40	Anglia TV	377	+8	...	3.1	17.5
16.00	Baldwin	88	-3	4.6	6.5	11.9
34.00	Barr & W 'A'	242	-1	10.0	5.2	15.6
44.70	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
14.10	Border TV	138	+1	...	3.0	12.4
14.50	Brent Walker	5	-½	...	...	...
4.13	Bristol Scotts	74	+1	...	...	...
7.34	Buckingham Int	7½	...	...	...	...
8.22	Camper	79	-14	8.7	13.8	...
163.30	Capital Radio	231	+3	5.2	2.9	28.7
1,526.30	Carlton Comm	767	+6	17.7	2.9	22.6
13.10	Castle Comm	211	-1	...	5.1	∞
546.90	Central TV	2033	-10	39.0	2.4	22.1
30.00	Chrysalis	113	...	...	...	...
507.90	Compass Gp	565	+7	...	2.9	16.9
60.50	Eurocamp	230	+33	4.7	5.3	9.5
974.10	Euro Disney	573	-35	...	2.0	...
6.36	Euro Leisure	3½	-½	...	...	...
24.30	Ex-Lands	35 †	-1	...	1.3	...
11.00	Fairline Boats	313	+3	10.5	4.2	...
451.20	First Leisure	277	+6	6.2	2.8	19.2
17.70	GWR Gp	578	-2	...	1.7	28.7
34.00	Grampian	241	-1	6.1	3.2	16.7
1.33	Greenwich Com	19	...	...	...	...
99.50	HTV Group	86	-6	...	...	38.2
29.80	Hi-Tec Sports	64 †	-1	...	4.4	...
23.50	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
489.30	LWT Hldgs	473	-1	...	1.3	21.9
	Man Utd	560 †	+1	19.5	4.4	∞
143.50	Owners Abrd	88	+1	3.9	5.6	7.1
31.40	The Pelican Gp	76	+9	...	1.8	17.8
12.90	Prism Leisure	158	+4	...	2.6	14.7
8.89	Quadrant Grp	38	...	...	...	...
29.00	Radio Clyde	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
11.90	Ramsdens (H)	199	-3	...	2.8	26.4
205.40	Scot TV	428 †	...	10.3	3.0	21.1
16.20	Southern Radio	57	...	0.7	1.7	23.7
102.10	Stanley Leisure	229	...	4.3	2.4	18.1
7.52	Sunleigh	8½	...	...	...	...
7.43	Sunset & Vine	130	+10	3.5	3.4	∞
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
21.10	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
17.30	Tottenhm Hot	108	...	...	...	3.5
23.50	Trans World	59	...	...	1.7	21.5
49.90	Ulster TV	475	...	12.0	3.2	14.6
76.80	Vardon	105	...	0.8	1.0	24.8
46.40	Wembley	18	...	...	...	...
12.80	Whitegate	44	-1	...	...	...
91.70	Yorkshire TV	182	-7	12.0	8.2	5.5
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,258.70	Am Gold	5212½	+203½	...	4.2	26.4
403.10	Ang Am Coal	1600	-18½	...	5.6	8.5
5,139.00	Ang Am	2212½	+18½	...	3.1	19.3
23.70	Anglo Pac Res	30½	...	...	...	...
32.40	Blyvoors	135	+3	...	...	...
6.44	Bracken	46	...	...	...	∞
79.50	Buffels	723	+42	...	8.8	6.5
4.71	Bute	2	+½	...	...	...
4,307.60	CRA	726	+34	...	2.8	34.9
19.60	Cluff Res	27	-2	...	...	...
5,085.30	De Beers	1337½	...	...	3.6	18.4
117.50	Deelkraal	118	...	...	1.7	13.6
22.60	Doornfontein	69	-2	...	...	...
1,595.30	Driefontein	782	+12	...	3.7	15.5
13.70	Durban	588	+13	...	...	...
65.60	E Rand Gold	143	+3	...	7.5	4.5
23.80	E Rand Prop	143	-52	...	...	...
47.50	Eastern Trans	55	+5	...	4.3	11.8
448.10	Elandsrand	462	+1	...	2.6	11.4
1,098.60	FS Cons	933	+6	...	5.1	12.2
13.80	FS Dev	62	+1	...	...	...
1,348.90	GFSA	1398	+60	...	2.8	24.2
2,077.90	Gencor	157	+5	...	6.0	∞
242.60	GM Kalgoorli	48½	-2½	...	2.7	19.8
12.10	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	-½	...	...	...
12.80	Grootvlei	121	-11	...	8.4	7.5
85.00	Harmony	316	+5	...	...	...
395.40	Hartles	353	-6	...	5.4	14.0
32.00	Lnoco	15½	+½	...	...	...
459.70	Impala Plat	739	...	...	3.8	25.4
9.26	Kenmare Res	9½	+½	...	...	...
173.50	Kinross	975	+20	...	6.0	∞
938.30	Kloof	677	+42	...	3.2	9.5
18.10	Leslie	113	-1	...	9.6	∞
36.80	Loraine	225	-9	...	...	...
150.50	Lydenburg	950	+125	...	2.1	∞
1,394.60	MIM	92½	-2½	...	2.4	44.9
2,071.20	Minorco	1209	-7	...	3.2	14.3
881.60	Nth Brkn Hill	138½	+3	...	3.5	22.8
534.70	Orange Free	2375	+156½	...	5.3	19.3
7,260.30	RTZ	683	+3	...	5.0	18.9
84.80	Rand Mines	568½	-18½	...	7.6	∞
357.60	Randfontein	585	-33	...	4.8	8.7
342.00	Renison	172	+5	...	2.5	17.8
1,331.50	Rustnbrg	1062½	-21½	...	3.1	∞
60.60	St Helena	630	+38	...	3.8	13.4
509.60	Southvaal	1960	+90	...	2.9	35.8
9.67	Stilfontein	74	...	...	8.4	13.4
31.60	Unisel	113	+3	...	6.0	∞
6,789.50	Vaal Reefs	5700	-50	...	3.8	10.3
217.10	Welkom	614	+30	...	5.3	19.3
231.80	Western Areas	575	+94	...	0.8	18.4
696.30	Western Deep	2512½	+78½	...	2.4	12.2
2,379.70	Wstrn Mining	248	+½	...	1.9	∞
104.40	Winkels	857	-15	...	4.5	∞
80.90	Zambia Copper	66	-2	...	...	...
70.30	Zandpan	54	-1	...	5.6	18.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
10.70	Airflow Stream	125	...	3.0	3.0	11.9
81.00	Appleyard	132	+1	...	4.9	...
13.90	Bletchley Mtr	305	-10	...	3.8	15.5
30.00	Bostrom	190 †	...	6.0	3.9	33.6
1,610.30	Br Aerospace	426	+16	7.3	2.1	...
54.10	Burndene	48	-2	...	3.0	12.8
12.50	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
23.90	Coverdale	14	-½	...	...	...
17.90	Central Mtrs	134	...	...	3.7	34.1
10.20	Cook (DC)	24	-1	...	3.1	13.6
354.90	Cowie (T)	248	-1	6.6	3.3	18.9
24.70	Dag Motors	137	-1	5.7	5.2	24.8
29.80	Davnprt Vern	152	-1	...	3.3	19.2
31.80	ERF	325	-1	2.0	0.8	...
31.00	European Mtr	136	+4	...	3.2	19.1
87.00	Evans Halshaw	403	-5	11.4	3.6	62.1
175.70	FR Group	233	-5	...	3.9	10.7
20,785.90	Ford Motor	4225 †	+237½	...	...	...
23,281.30	General Mtr	3297½	+237½	...	1.6	...
5.08	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
93.00	Henlys	253	+4	3.5	1.9	...
9,600.10	Honda Motor	986	-12	...	0.4	...
3.25	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
8.74	Jessups	99	+1	4.5	5.7	...
302.70	Kwik-Fit	176	+8½	...	2.5	24.9
367.40	Lex Service	390	+3	...	3.6	21.3
28.70	Lookers	150	...	6.2	5.2	...
1,199.70	Lucas	169 †	+1	...	5.2	...
24.00	Malaya Grp	27	+2	...	...	...
99.50	Pendragon	258	-2	...	3.1	21.2
42.70	Perry Gp	170	...	...	5.2	...
38.10	Quicks Group	166	-1	...	3.6	21.2
1,866.60	Rolls-Royce	153	-2	...	4.1	...
831.60	T & N	180	-5	...	7.5	23.6
131.10	Trinity Hldgs	255	-21	...	2.7	23.7
78.60	Vardy (Reg)	172	...	...	3.1	24.0
209.40	Wesdand	220	+10	4.2	2.4	19.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.20	Adscene	190	-2	5.0	3.3	19.4
5.39	Black (A&C)	350 †	-3	13.5	4.8	14.4
334.10	Blenheim Gp	362 †	+20	...	3.2	13.5
56.90	Bristol	349	...	...	4.2	31.5
471.30	Daily Mail	9425	+150	13.4	1.8	21.2
468.80	Daily Mail 'A'	9375	+175	13.4	1.8	21.1
215.10	Dorling Kind	349 †	-2	3.3	1.2	∞
589.20	EMAP	339	-3	...	2.9	20.4
229.10	Euromoney Pb	1138	...	32.0	3.5	25.6
21.20	Harrington K	222	...	4.7	2.6	18.1
47.00	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
123.50	Hodder H'line	358	-1	5.1	1.8	30.5
11.50	Home Counts	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
53.70	Intl Bus Comm	138	-1	...	...	20.0
8.27	Int Cm & Data	12	-½	...	...	...
298.10	Independent	380	+5	...	3.3	20.5
175.60	Johnston Press	570	-5	6.5	1.4	24.7
31.50	Metal Bulletn	329	+2	8.2	3.2	22.8
645.30	Mirror Gp	161	-4	...	...	...
9,370.60	News Corp	511	+1	...	0.3	...
2,037.30	News Intl	295	-6	...	0.6	18.1
3,090.90	Pearson	563	-6	...	2.7	30.6
73.00	Portsmth Sund	608	-2	...	1.9	16.8
4,359.00	Reed Int	777	+12	...	2.8	33.9
24.40	Southnews	161	+8	...	1.6	29.8
64.90	Sterling Pub	167	...	...	2.2	18.4
511.90	Telegraph	382	-4	...	3.9	16.0
4,584.10	Thomson Corp	805	...	...	1.9	40.2
241.80	Trinity Intl	353	-11	9.0	3.2	21.2
1.55	Unit Groups	20	-2	...	...	...
1,316.90	Utd Nwspaprs	542	-12	...	5.0	15.1

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
94.00	Aran Energy	37½	-½	...	...	32.6
22.60	Arcon Intl	30	-3	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	65	+1	...	...	...
73.00	Aviva Pet	73	-2	...	...	...
3.48	Beverley	10	+½	...	...	...
95.90	Br Borneo	213	+1	7.1	4.2	6.4
14,942.90	British Gas	345½	-1	14.2	5.1	16.7
19,040.80	Br Petroleum	349½	+5½	8.4	3.0	27.5
8.53	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,511.30	Burmah Castrl	775	...	...	5.7	18.1
39.50	Cairn Energy	81	-3	...	...	8.7
498.20	Calor Gp	296	+18	...	5.2	15.8
191.70	Clyde Pet	48	-2	...	...	...
39.50	Copiex Res	3½	-1	...	...	...
2.84	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
2,313.50	Enterprise	484	-9	19.0	4.9	26.6
38.10	Exp Co Louis	36	-1	...	...	...
58.60	Fairhaven Intl	24	-½	...	2.2	8.7
45.00	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
84.50	Goal Pet	63	-1	1.4	2.8	12.1
38.00	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
194.20	Hardy O & G	172	-9	...	0.7	16.0
54.00	Kelt Energy	41	-2	...	...	...
1,086.60	LASMO	144½	+1	...	2.0	20.3
5.17	-do- Units	73	...	0.4	16.2	...
12.50	Mid Scot Res	6	-½	...	...	...
362.00	Monument	54½	-1½	...	...	...
5.72	New London	4½	+½	...	...	...
14.10	Nth Sea Assets	27	+1	1.0	4.6	9.3
104.10	Oil Search	34	-1	...	...	...
	Petroz	17	-1	...	...	...
73.30	Plat Pet	142	+3	...	...	∞
143.30	Premier	26½	+½	...	...	9.7
28.60	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
364.30	Ranger	370	...	...	4.4	...
38,128.30	Royal Dtch Fl	7112½	+25	...	4.3	17.7
10,171.10	Schlumberger	4200	-81½	...	1.9	...
36.40	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
23,509.70	Shell	711	+2	22.8	4.0	21.9
5.15	Sunrise Eng Sv	17½	...	...	...	...
14.00	Triton Europe	17	...	...	...	...
14.10	Villers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
1,380.00	Woodside	207	+15	...	1.7	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
75.00	API	352	+12	8.2	2.9	20.7
1,827.00	Arjo Wiggins	225	+6	...	3.6	30.3
81.00	Ashton Mead	540 †	-1	9.5	2.2	28.4
35.70	Aegis Gp	21	-1	...	...	...
16.70	Aspen Coms	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
1.27	BBB Design	15½	+3	...	...	...
98.00	Bemrose	389	-3	...	3.8	17.0
6.34	Birkdale	8 †	-1	...	...	...
601.10	Bunzl	142	-2	4.0	3.5	21.4
40.20	CIA Gp	344	+1	...	1.6	21.7
47.30	Capital Inds	177	...	...	2.5	16.0
5.87	City of Lon	76	...	...	6.3	14.0
23.50	Cropper (James)	292	+16	3.1	1.3	28.2
3.66	Crown Com	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.46	Delyn Group	98 †	...	1.6	2.4	11.5
27.80	Dolphin Pack	118	-1	4.5	4.8	29.1
8.61	Dudley Jenkins	75	+3	...	5.2	17.1
22.70	Elswick	11	-½	...	3.4	12.5
20.20	Fairway Group	65	...	3.2	6.3	19.2
113.50	Ferguson Intl	346	+1	...	4.6	15.5
14.90	Ferry Pick	110	+3	...	6.4	29.7
32.50	Filofax	145	-1	...	1.1	18.7
4.90	Fitch	13½	-½	...	...	...
11.60	Gibbon Lyons	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
54.70	Gold Greenless	208	...	8.3	5.0	14.9
2.84	Goodhead	19	-1	0.5	3.3	...
21.40	Hunterprint	37	-2	...	...	...
9.11	Intereurope	170	-2	...	5.7	12.5
85.90	Jarvis Porter	270	...	...	2.2	25.2
13.30	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
12.30	MMI	35	-3	...	...	...
111.10	More O'Ferrall	344	...	13.2	4.8	41.2
43.50	NMC Group	109	-12	2.0	2.3	16.8
10.40	Osborne & Little	172	...	...	3.3	19.9
324.10	Portals	501	...	...	3.7	17.1
7.23	Premier Hlth	2½	-½	...	...	...
59.60	Quarto	283	...	...	2.5	17.4
285.80	St Ives Gp	289 †	-2	5.5	2.4	∞
405.00	Saatchi	184	+1	...	...	...
491.00	Sappi	327	-7	...	10.0	...
7.06	Sertia	28½	-1	...	...	...
20.60	Shandwick	25	+5½	...	...	...
545.70	Smith David	353	-2	...	3.5	18.5
1,103.30	Smurfit (Jeff)	226	+13	...	1.9	5.4
1.32	Somic	66	...	1.5	2.8	27.1
45.40	Stat-Plus	211	-2	8.4	5.0	18.6
62.40	Taylor Nelson	38½	+½	0.3	1.5	23.8
6.00	VTR	52	-1	...	5.2	23.4
515.30	WPP	99	-1	...	1.3	3.7
132.20	Wace	177	...	...	0.7	...
207.40	Waddington (J)	258	...	...	3.8	19.3
272.10	Watmough	408 †	+4½	...	1.8	32.0
5.81	Westport	5	...	...	...	...
1.36	Whinney Mcka	19	+1	...	...	...
12.80	Wood (SW)	78	...	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
78.60	Allied Lon	113	-1	...	4.0	28.6
5.31	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
16.80	Ascot Hldgs	4½	-½	...	...	...
103.70	Asda	132	+4	...	2.0	13.9
62.10	Avonside	143	...	4.1	3.6	20.0
7,236.20	BCE	2362½	+12½	...	...	...
294.10	Bilton	670 †	+19	18.9	3.5	24.2
8.34	Bourne End	97	+9	1.0	1.3	...
337.70	Bradford	235	+17	5.8	3.2	23.5
5.87	Bredero	16	...	...	...	...
1,205.80	Br Land	401	-14	...	2.2	36.5
553.80	Brixton	239	-7	...	4.4	18.9
161.50	Burford	88	+2	...	1.8	...
55.00	Cap & Regnl	184 †	...	...	0.9	...
5.96	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
109.00	Chesterfield	583	+45	11.5	2.5	41.4
5.86	City Site Ests	38	...	...	...	...
5.56	Clarke Nickolls	27	-1	...	...	...
6.24	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
26.90	Conrad Rhlat CS	45	-1	...	...	...
219.70	Daejan	1348	+73	...	2.5	16.6
3.73	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
49.00	Debenhm Twsn	112	-3	...	3.3	21.6
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
31.70	Derwent	177½	+3½	3.0	2.1	...
73.70	Derwent Hldgs	633 †	+5	8.7	1.7	78.9
45.70	Development Sec	39	-1½	...	...	...
7.31	Dwyer	37	+3	...	...	...
22.80	Estates Agency	380	+10	1.0	0.3	34.8
4.49	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
141.20	Evans Of Leeds	213	...	...	2.7	18.8
33.10	Five Oaks	34	...	...	...	...
5.29	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
244.50	Frogmore	486	+1	...	4.1	23.4
38.40	Grainger	193	+2	5.2	3.4	43.1
695.60	Gt Portland	228	+1	...	4.4	21.8
23.70	Greycoat	27	-4½	...	...	...
4,862.90	HK Land	181	+16	...	3.5	23.6
240.20	Hambro Cntyw	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
278.10	Hammerson	410	-16	10.0	3.0	41.5
709.60	-do- 'A'	369	-17	10.0	3.4	37.3
45.20	Helical Bar	278	+20	...	2.2	10.0
34.10	Hemingway	36	...	...	...	...
4.76	Herring Baker	61	-2	3.7	7.7	15.3
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,729.20	Land Sec	737	+1	22.8	3.9	22.2
266.00	Lon Merch Sec	109	+½	4.0	4.6	16.9
1.99	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
2,080.80	MEPC	536	+2	...	4.7	23.1
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
39.40	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.0
5.49	Markheath	4½	-½	...	...	...
9.55	Merivale Mre	69	+10½	...	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
15.00	Mourfield Est	46	-1	...	...	...
58.80	Mountview	1200	-70	20.0	2.1	11.0
164.90	Muckiow (A&J)	169	+2	...	4.6	25.8
6.32	Olives Prop	37	-2	...	...	...
4.55	Ossory Est	5	-½	...	...	1.5
204.10	PSIT	168	...	4.1	3.1	33.3
279.30	Peel	350	...	4.0	1.4	...
6.98	Power Corp	6	+½	...	...	...
7.02	Property Trust	37	...	...	...	10.6
13.40	Raglan	43	-2	...	...	...
26.30	Regalian	22½	-½	...	...	...
15.60	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.5	1.5	33.2
56.00	St Modwen Prp	48	-2	0.9	2.3	36.6
27.40	Savills	74	...	...	1.7	29.3
103.90	Scot Met	107	-4	1.5	1.8	...
35.90	Shaftesbury	115	+2	...	...	...
1.06	Shield	11	-½	...	...	5.9
996.10	Slough Estates	239	-5	...	3.9	18.1
79.00	Southend Prop	85	...	...	3.5	...
59.80	Stanhope Prps	36	-2	...	...	...
102.60	Tops Ests	223	...	2.1	1.2	79.5
136.80	Town Centre	135	...	3.4	3.2	∞
60.30	Trafford Park	89	-3	...	3.9	20.5
1.39	UK Land	32	-2	...	...	...
15.50	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
129.80	Warner	207	+10	10.4	4.9	21.4
83.30	Warnford	217	+1	7.5	4.3	15.9
2.26	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
140.40	Wates	91	+1	...	...	...
5.91	Wood John D	72	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.74	Automagic	13	...	...	...	...
60.60	Headlam	178	+4	...	2.1	40.2
21.50	Lambert	335	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
12.40	Pittards	57	+2	1.5	3.3	16.3
39.20	Strong & Fisher	23	-1	1.0	5.4	6.4
40.30	Stylo	210	+5	...	1.8	...
24.60	UK Safety	64	-2	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144.90	Allied Text	503	+7	12.7	3.2	16.2
7.09	Beckman (A)	58 †	...	3.5	7.7	∞
3.10	Bolton Gp	33	-2	...	...	∞
21.90	Br Mohair	165	...	8.5	6.4	15.5
2.49	Chartwell	40	+2	...	...	...
139.80	Claremont Ga	347	...	7.5	2.7	21.7
575.70	Courtauld Text	570	+25	13.9	3.0	15.6
5.02	Cupid	28	-2	...	...	...
299.90	Dawson	192	-3	...	5.0	14.6
6.66	Drummond	41	+1	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
2.17	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
5.78	Gaskell	119	-2	4.2	4.5	...
36.30	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
4.75	Jerome (S)	63	-4	...	0.4	...
125.10	Lamont	417	+9	12.0	3.6	27.3
95.00	Leeds	500	...	...	1.9	24.1
9.71	Lister	59	+4	0.1	0.2	...
6.17	Lyles (S)	85	+1	...	4.9	...
53.30	Magellan	309	+10	1.4	0.8	...
12.50	Parkland 'A'	218	-8	3.0	1.7	...
192.40	Readicut	100	+½	...	4.3	16.8
2.37	SEET	59	+4	...	...	...
73.30	Sirdar	137 †	...	...	4.9	9.5
60.80	Stirling Gp	70	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
30.90	Stoddard	44	+1	...	4.3	40.9
18.50	Tomkinsons	297	-2	11.5	4.8	25.6
8.52	West Trust	34	-2	2.5	9.2	∞
21.30	Yorklyde	217	+7	...	3.1	14.1

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15,359.20	BAT	499	+13	...	4.8	14.0

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
942.60	Assoc Br Ports	503	+5	...	2.2	...
4,442.10	BAA	871	-22	...	2.3	21.6
3,591.00	Br Airways	378	-3	...	3.5	18.2
22.80	Clarkson (H)	100 †	+1	1.7	2.2	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,246.50	Eurotunnel Uts	466	-4	...	...	...
19.70	Fisher (James)	80	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
30.90	IoM Steam	206	...	...	5.1	10.8
8.29	Jacobs (JI)	36	...	0.5	1.7	...
14.40	Lon O'Seas Frts	95	-4	...	1.4	17.4
355.00	Mersey Docks	398 †	...	...	2.8	27.1
101.80	Nat Express	257	+13	...	3.5	26.6
1,540.10	NFC	278	...	6.5	2.9	21.1
520.90	Ocean Group	308	-2	...	5.3	...
26.60	Ocean Wilson	62	+2	4.0	7.6	12.0
3,175.30	P & O Dfd	564	-6	...	6.8	30.6
125.90	P & O 5 1/2%	189	-4	...	3.6	...
409.20	Powell Duffryn	621	+31	...	4.5	24.1
21.90	Seacon	225	+12	...	3.0	14.2
185.30	Stagecoach	153	...	...	3.1	∞
435.20	TNT	77	+2½	...	...	...
318.90	Tibbet & Britn	728	-2	12.6	2.2	27.9
121.60	Tiphook	110	-6	...	21.4	...
399.70	TDG	273	+5	...	4.3	9.0

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,542.20	Anglian Water	521	-28	...	5.1	10.6
59.30	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
455.60	Northumbrian	673	-2	...	4.2	6.9
1,976.90	North West	530	-24	...	5.0	9.5
1,945.80	Severn Trent	542	-18	...	4.9	8.7
956.30	Sthrn Water	574	-30	...	4.6	[illegible]
84.80	Sth Staffs	1515	-10	47.0	3.9	10.8
726.70	South West	580	-24	...	5.1	[illegible]
2,132.50	Thames Water	544	-24	...	5.0	10.5
949.50	Welsh Water	656	-1	...	4.5	8.6
797.50	Wessex Water	637	-25	...	4.2	9.6
1,104.30	Yorkshire W	553	-30	...	4.8	9.4

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,100	Treas 8¼% 1994	100	-	8.43	5.42
550	Treas 14½% 1994	103	-	14.07	5.36
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	103	-	12.98	5.27
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102	-	9.73	5.29
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	105	-	11.83	5.25
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103	-	8.67	5.27
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	107	-	11.12	5.29
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	-	3.07	4.57
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.50	5.38
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-	11.19	5.44
770	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.93	5.55
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.48	5.64
900	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-	11.25	5.66
1,409	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.97	5.83
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-	10.96	5.99
2,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.26	5.96
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	-	8.01	6.03
830	Exch 15% 1997	130	-	11.49	6.24
3,590	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	-	8.65	6.24
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	104	-	6.96	6.16
1,600	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104	-	6.98	6.18
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	-	6.64	5.57
920	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	-	10.83	6.50

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137	-	11.24	6.39
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	123	-	9.73	6.50
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	113	-	8.39	6.45
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	-	9.76	6.56
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	118 †	-	8.87	6.51
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	-	8.66	6.55
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	112	-	7.99	6.53
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	132	-	9.78	6.78
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	118	-	8.46	6.79
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	-	8.24	6.92
4,350	Treas 8% 2003	108	-	7.41	6.83
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	121	-	8.25	6.97
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125	-	9.19	7.05
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	-	4.36	6.00
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	118	-	8.01	7.03
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	118	-	8.00	7.06
2,300	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138	-	9.14	7.28
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	106	-	7.55	7.05
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	-	9.05	7.24
5,407	Treas 8½% 2007	111	-	7.63	7.16
1,350	Treas 13½% 2004-08	146	-	9.32	7.27

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	116	-	7.73	7.18
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	107	-	7.46	7.20
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	117	-	7.66	7.22
5,190	Treas 9% 2012	118	-	7.62	7.21
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86	-	6.35	6.80
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	-	7.26	7.13
4,390	Treas 8% 2013	108	-	7.38	7.19
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	147	-	8.11	7.37
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	117	-	7.44	7.19

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	48 †	-	7.23	...
475	Treas 2½%	33	-	7.41	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	135 †	+	..	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	-1	1.27	2.18
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112 †	-	1.61	2.26
1,390	Treas IL 2½% 2001	171	-	2.49	2.86
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168 †	-	2.67	2.98
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114	-	2.73	3.02
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	178	-	2.73	2.96
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162 †	-	2.90	3.10
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160	-1	2.95	3.14
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	-	2.99	3.16
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	-1	3.03	3.19
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145	-1	3.08	3.21
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	-1	3.07	3.19

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Business balks at moves by BSI

BY A CORRESPONDENT

CONTROVERSY will hit the normally quiet world of the British Standards Institution this week when it attempts to alter its constitution. The proposed changes, which would give the board greater executive powers, have brought criticism from business that success may be making the institution too commercial.

BSI has for 92 years been seen as a flagship of standards setting and highly regarded for its tradition of being run voluntarily. Until recently, even the BSI board was unpaid. Now many fear a conflict of interests is developing between BSI's standards-making role and its commercial interests. BSI's turnover from its quality assurance business, fees for certification, approval and testing services, is almost £70 million.

BSI has become more prominent among business management because of the introduction of its quality assurance standard BS5750 and the expense and difficulties involved for small businesses. Controversy grew in June, when Michael Sanderson, BSI chief executive, left after a boardroom clash. Since then, his post has been vacant and his duties have been absorbed by Vivian Thomas, non-executive chairman.

At Thursday's meeting, changes in the Royal Charter will be put to the vote that would eliminate from the constitution the need for the posts of chief executive and finance director. This would allow Mr Thomas, and other board members to assume executive powers.

The changes would also allow any non-executive director acting in an "executive" capacity, to pay themselves "consultant" fees in addition to board fees they already draw. The powers of subscribing members would be curtailed and the ability to vote by proxy diluted.

Roy McDowell was BSI chairman 1985-88 and also president of IEC, the international standards organisation. He said: "I am somewhat worried about changes not only taking place at the meeting but in the structure inside BSI. There is some suggestion that BSI is moving away from being a national institution and moving towards being a plc."

Gordon Gaddes is director general of Beama, the trade association. He shares his concern: "BSI is a national chartered institution, held in trust for the country and all its members. The fear is that in a series of moves with no, or inadequate consultation, it is being transformed into a commercial company and taken away from its members. These members provide much of the finance for BSI and also many thousands of experts mainly from industry who on a free basis write the standards."

Beama is one of many trade organisations that sent out notices to members asking them to attend the meeting on Thursday. If they cannot come they have asked them to register proxy votes. BSI itself has also been seeking proxies from its members in order to support the proposals.

Roger Dunn is a member of the CBI small firms council and is also chairman of BSI's small firms policy committee. He too is worried. "BSI is of very great importance," he says, "to the future of both small and large firms in Britain. Unless the present differences between industry and the BSI board are quickly settled, BSI's high standard could be seriously damaged. The principle beneficiaries would be our European industrial competitors who would increasingly be able to dominate international standards making to the detriment of Britain."

The meeting on Thursday looks set to be somewhat livelier than the usual sleepy meetings, at which board members are nearly outnumbered by those on the floor. Ram Mylvaganam, marketing director of BSI, said: "We will have to make one more sandwich."

Japanese and US firms still dominate

BY MARTIN BARROW

EUROPE'S efforts to keep apace with the growing industrial might of America and Japan are put into perspective in the latest edition of *The Times 1,000* list of the world's top companies.

The 1994 list, published today, records no less than 17 out of the top 20 companies as either Japanese or American, with only Royal Dutch/Shell, BP and Volkswagen breaking the duopoly.

Shell, the Anglo-Dutch combine that is such a powerhouse in Europe, is ranked ninth, dwarfed by the great and good of American industry and by the Japanese *sogo soshas*, the umbrella trading groups that dominate Japan's economy.

Japan claims six of the top ten places but, unlike last year, there is an intruder to break its clean sweep of the top five. General Motors, the American auto group that has seen massive redundancies and multi-million dollar write-offs, has moved up four places to second. Of the *sogo soshas*, the top slot goes to Itochu Corporation, which boasts annual sales of £89 billion.

In all, 17 of the top 50 companies are Japanese, with America claiming 16 places in the premier league. Among those joining Itochu in the top ten Sumitomo, Marubeni, Mitsubishi and Mitsui. Germany has one company in the top 20 — Volkswagen — but lays claim to five companies among the top 50 and leads the European challenge. Britain has four entries, including BT and BAT Industries, as well as the Anglo-Dutch companies Shell and Unilever.

However, Britain can claim greater depth in numbers. About 40 per cent of Europe's top 1,000 companies, measured by sales, are British. Measured by stock market capitalisation, four out of Europe's top five are British, and in terms of profitability Britain accounts for 21 of Europe's top 50, six in the top ten.

But in a year of deep recession, there were inevitably significant losses, with British Aerospace losing £945 million before interest and tax, Saatchi & Saatchi losing £568.2 million and Ford Motor Company losing £512 million. BP, Shell, BAT Industries and BT continue at the head of Britain's top 1,000. The top five boasted annual sales in excess of £12 billion, with BP exceeding £43 billion.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Sainsbury and M&S vie for title of UK's most profitable retailer

AS THE Chancellor prepares the November 30 Budget, he may be well advised to listen to what some of Britain's leading companies say this week about trading conditions and the fragile economic recovery.

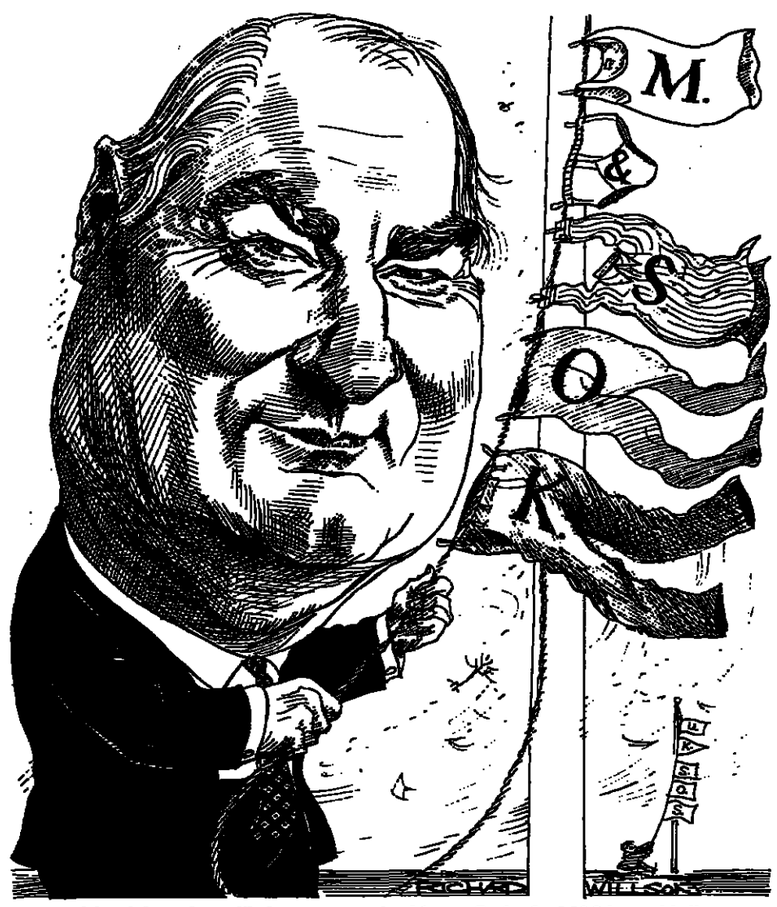
The week will be dominated by figures from some of Britain's leading stores and food companies, but many observers will focus on the tussle for the title of most profitable retailing group as Sainsbury and Marks and Spencer lock horns with interim figures.

A sales-led recovery; cost-cutting and a late wage award will help **Marks and Spencer**, Britain's biggest retailer and headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, to report a healthy advance in first-half profits.

Julie Ramshaw, of Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, expects a robust trading statement and has pencilled in interim pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, of £286 million (£257 million).

Market forecasts for the seasonally weak first half of M&S, which excludes the important Christmas period, range from £285 million to £300 million. An interim dividend of 2.35p (up from 2.2p) is predicted, with some estimates reaching 2.5p. Sales are expected to advance to £2.38 billion (£2.24 billion).

Morgan Stanley predicts consistent growth, with a strong clothing performance, a good pick-up in foods and improvement in home textiles.



Sir Richard Greenbury: likely to run up a healthy profit rise for M&S in a cold climate

TODAY

Interims: Hafslund Nycomed A S (Q3), McInerney Properties, Pex Group. **Finals:** Finsbury Growth Trust, GR (Holdings), Morgan Grenfell Equity Income Trust, Rights & Issues Inv Trust.

TOMORROW

Interims: BDA Holdings, Casket, Celsis International, Finsbury Trust, Powerscreen Intl, Rexmore, James Smith Estates. **Finals:** Amber Day Holdings, Foreign & Colonial Pep Inv, Keystone Inv Co. **Economic statistics:** Money supply M0 (October) provisional and M4 (September) final and its sterling lending counterparts, Bank of England quarterly bulletin, UK official reserves (October).

WEDNESDAY

BAT Industries, the tobacco to financial services group, is expected to report pre-tax profits of £1.39 billion (£1.03 billion) for the nine months to end-September, according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £1.31 billion to £1.39 billion.

Analysts expect the cigarette price wars in America to have hit tobacco profits, although financial services should do well. Eagle Star in the UK should do particularly well as it puts its losses behind it, while Allied Dunbar, and Farmers in the US, are also expected to boost profits.

Detrimental effects of American discounting in the cigarette price war will only be fully felt in the fourth quarter. BAT has discounted a number of brands in response to price-cutting by Philip Morris, and wholesale price cuts of about 40 cents a packet on its premium brands are expected to pull back quarterly earnings. Effects of the price war are expected to hurt earnings into 1994 and beyond.

J Sainsbury, the supermarkets group, will beat M&S at half-way stage with pre-tax profit forecast to climb to £428 million (£391 million), says Nick Bubb, of Morgan Stanley, but the full-year picture may be different. Market forecasts range from £425 million to £435 million. An interim dividend of 3p (2.7p) is predicted. Margins should have widened, but some analysts fear that discount stores may harm profits of Sainsbury and its rivals after approval last week for CostCo's warehouse-style store.

Interims: German Inv Trust, German Smaller Cos Inv Trust, Marks & Spencer, Oceana Consolidated, J Sainsbury. **Finals:** BAT Industries (Q3), Greenwich Communications, Scottish Metropolitan Property, Sunset & Vine. **Economic statistics:** Cyclical indicators for UK economy (October), overseas travel and tourism (August), major British banking groups' mortgage lending (Q3), advance energy statistics (July-September), London sterling certificates of deposit (Sept), mortgage lending (Q3), international banking statistics (Q2), M4 quarterly sectoral analysis (Q3), bill turnover statistics (Sept), sterling commercial paper (Sept), money market statistics (Sept).

THURSDAY

Boots, the retail and pharmaceutical company, is expected to announce interim pre-exceptional taxable profits of £205 million (£185 million), according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £195 million to £210 million. An interim dividend of 5p (4.6p) is predicted. Exceptionals are likely to comprise a write-off of about £35 million for Manoplax, the discontinued heart drug, and profit of £20 million from selling the French retail operation, Morgan Stanley says. Solid growth will ensure that Boots the Chemists has prospered, but losses will have deepened at Do It All, the DIY joint venture with W H Smith. The drug business is suffering from dropping Manoplax.

In spite of weak oil prices, NatWest Securities is looking for a strong recovery in profits by **British Petroleum**. The oil group is is expected to turn in third-quarter net income on a historical cost basis, which includes oil stock gains and losses, ahead to £155 million (£117 million). On a replacement cost basis, which excludes stock gains and losses, net income is forecast to advance to £250 million (£172 million). A maintained dividend of 2.1p is predicted.

BZW expects **Wm Low**, the Scottish supermarket group, to report final pre-tax profit of £21.5 million (£20.6 million). Market forecasts range from £21 million to £23 million.

Interims: Boots Co, First Ireland Inv Co, German Investment Trust, Hambro Insurance Services, Westbury. **Finals:** Bellway, British Petroleum (Q3), Euromoney Publications, Wm Low & Co, MMT Computing, Philips Electronic NV, J Smart Contractors. **Economic statistics:** Details of employment, unemployment, earnings prices; housing starts and completions (Sept).

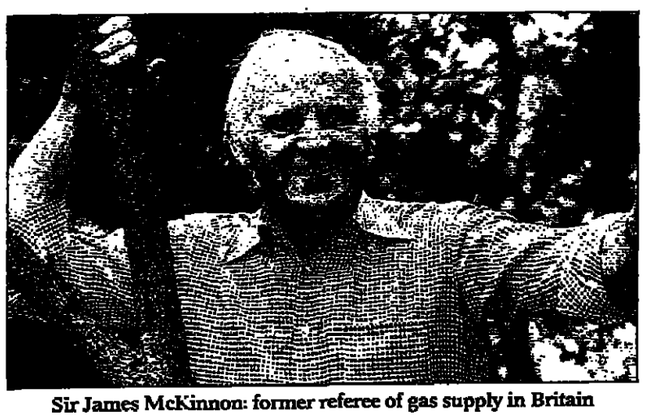
FRIDAY

Interims: Adam & Harvey, Banner Homes Group, Bula Resources, Burtonwood Brewery, Capital Gearing, William Cook. **Finals:** Gartmore European Inv, Goodhead Group, Holmes Protection Group (Q3). **Economic statistics:** Insolvency statistics and petitions (Q3).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Choice of routes to gas competition

Gas revolution gains must be kept, and taxing fuel has its points, says Sir James McKinnon


Sir James McKinnon: former referee of gas supply in Britain

I always prefer to look forward, rather than back, but at this stage in the development of the gas supply market it is not possible to avoid doing both. The market is at a crossroads, the signs have been marked by the monopolies commission and the driver is the government. What direction will be followed?

I am certain that we will not reverse along the road we have been on. The benefits now enjoyed by domestic gas users and a growing number of industrial customers are too valuable. The first stage of the revolution has been completed, on terms set by legislation and as delivered by Ofgas. Domestic prices 24 per cent lower in real terms and enhanced service give a value package that could not have been imagined in 1986. Anyone predicting market penetration by competitors of 55 per cent of the firm industrial market, would have raised a horse-laugh. These things have happened and are not about to disappear.

Analysts, consultants and journalists have bemoaned the changes while purporting to represent the public interest. No doubt they represent an interest, but whose is seldom made clear. I wonder whether they have read the Gas Act. If so, it would have become clear that British Gas was required to improve efficiency. We now hear, on an "unofficially denied" basis, that BG intends to shed 20,000 jobs. This is bad news for the employees, if true. However, it also provides an opportunity to raise profits by £400 million a year, taking the cost per employee as being about £20,000 a year. If action had been taken seven years ago, both shareholders and customers would have shared the benefit. It is fatuous to blame Ofgas for the failure to deliver this benefit of £2.8 billion. As far as shareholders are concerned, it would have softened the blow of a share price that has risen from 135p to a mere 345p and a dividend rising from 4p to 14p.

These things, however, are in the past. The options now are: to go straight ahead on the competition road to the delivery of choice to every home and business; decide enough is enough and freeze the position, or make a detour to customer choice, with an estimated arrival in 2001. It seems to me that we can do fat better than 2001 as a starting date for full competition. All the factors are now available and we can begin in 1995 and have the option of full customer choice by 1998.

Shooting for 1998 will give everyone enough time to get ready and if the government provides a timetable for removing the monopoly barrier within the next three months, competitors will have the confidence to make preparations. Of course, there have been scare stories about loss of safety, unreliability of supply and 12 million price losers. Ofgas rejects these attempts to thwart progress. Do not take Ofgas's word for this, listen to the potential suppliers to domestic customers; they, to the last one have made a delivery promise to householders that they will beat the current offer by BG. If not convinced, listen to the following proposition.

Leave BG as a public gas supplier with the current value package, allow those with the gas and the money to have a licence to supply one area of their choice, meeting obligations currently undertaken by BG, including the obligation to supply, and let them get on with it. If they do better than BG, they will be successful. Either way, the domestic customer can only gain.

The expected introduction of VAT on fuel is in line with the government philosophy of taxing spending rather than income. If there were to be no protection for the vulnerable, it would be time to make an exception, but we have been assured that there is no cause for concern on that count. Therefore, the challenge to gas users faced with a tax impost is to reduce consumption; if a 17.5 per cent reduction can be made, you break even. The technology is available and it is now more financially viable than ever to make the energy-saving investment. What of those with no capital? They may be able to get help from the Ofgas "E" factor, a mechanism that will enable a share of gas prices to be used to assist users unable to afford energy-efficiency investment. The sole criterion is that the investment will be of general benefit to all gas users. Such a criterion can readily be justified.

I listen with interest to the debate on privatisation of railways, coal and the postal service. Critics say they will never work. May be, but perhaps they said that there would never be gas competition, that the lights would go out and that we could not have public telephones that work. There is no doubt that the rail privatisation is the most ambitious. Remember, we get better at it all the time, so, give it a chance.

☐ *Sir James McKinnon was, until Friday, director general of Ofgas*

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4882 (+0.0110)
German mark
2.4950 (+0.0248)
Exchange index
80.8 (+0.9)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2397.8 (-11.6)
FT-SE 100
3171.0 (-28.0)
New York Dow Jones
3680.59 (+31.29)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19702.97 (-561.86)

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Building society profits boosted by ERM exit

BUILDING societies almost doubled their profits in the first half of the year, compared with the same period last year, by widening the margin between the rate they pay to savers and the rate they charge borrowers. A survey of 12 societies showed that they took advantage of falling interest rates after Britain's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism in September last year to widen margins from 2 per cent to 3 per cent. Multistrategies, the research arm of the Malcolm Hurlston Corporate Consultancy, which carried out the research, said this boosted societies' net interest income by a third on average in the second half of 1992.

Interim results are now published by a growing number of building societies, which have permanent interest-bearing shares. Of the 25 largest societies by total assets 21 have half years ending on June 30.

Stanhope plans merger

STANHOPE Properties, the property group run by Stuart Lipton, is planning to merge with Broadgate Properties, its associate, as part of a £160 million refinancing. Stanhope said: "The board has been exploring, with its advisers, options for strengthening its balance sheet including the possibility of raising new equity and a further restructuring of banking arrangements." Bankers would be offered 10 per cent of the shares in a £130 million debt-for-equity swap.

Aer Lingus still talking

AER LINGUS seemed likely last night to miss a deadline for achieving trade union consent for a rescue plan that will cut 1,200 jobs at the state airline. However, both unions and management have said considerable progress has been made in recent days and agreement may be reached this week. The plan envisages cost cuts of Ir£50 million (£47.4 million) per annum at the airline, which lost Ir£47 million even before exceptional losses of Ir£141 million in the year to last March.

Single market doubts

THE single European market is likely to prove a threat to the well-being of Britain's smaller and medium-sized companies, rather than the stimulus to growth predicted, says a study by Pera International, the consultant. The findings, from one of the first surveys to weigh the consequences of economic integration, cast renewed doubts on the Cecchini Report, published by the European Commission in 1988, which was the justification for implementation of the single market on January 1.

Taiwan to decide on BAe

THE board of Taiwan Aerospace will meet on Friday to decide whether to continue talks with British Aerospace on a US$775 million deal to produce short-haul passenger regional jets. The chances of a positive decision are high, according to Taiwanese officials, because the BAe board had agreed to put in writing a commitment to develop the RJX craft and transfer necessary technology to Taiwan. Talks have been repeatedly stalled since January. *(AFP)*

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 36

HETERONYM

(c) A word having the same spelling as another, but a different pronunciation and meaning, for example *agape* and *refuse*, to be distinguished from a *homonym*, which is a word with the same pronunciation as another but a different spelling and meaning, e.g. *buoy* and *boy*, *right* and *rite*, to be distinguished from a *homograph*, which is a word with the same spelling and pronunciation as another but a different meaning, such as *lead* and *entrance*. From the Greek *hetero-* different + *onoma* name.

INTERBASTATION

(c) Quilting, from *interbaste*, to sew between cotton etc. so as to keep in place, from the French *inter* + *baster* to quilt: "The word is a Metaphor taken from interbastation, patching or piecing, sewing or clapping close together."

TOMENTOSE

(b) Hairy, flocculent, woolly, covered with short hairs or downy, from the Latin *tomentum* hair stuffing for cushions: "If the latter be purulent, it becomes fungous, tomentose, reddish."

ULTRONEOUS

(a) Spontaneous, voluntary, made or offered of one's own accord, from the Latin *ultroneus* ex *ultrā*: "The exercise of the student in the University classes, should be partly exigible, partly ultroneous."

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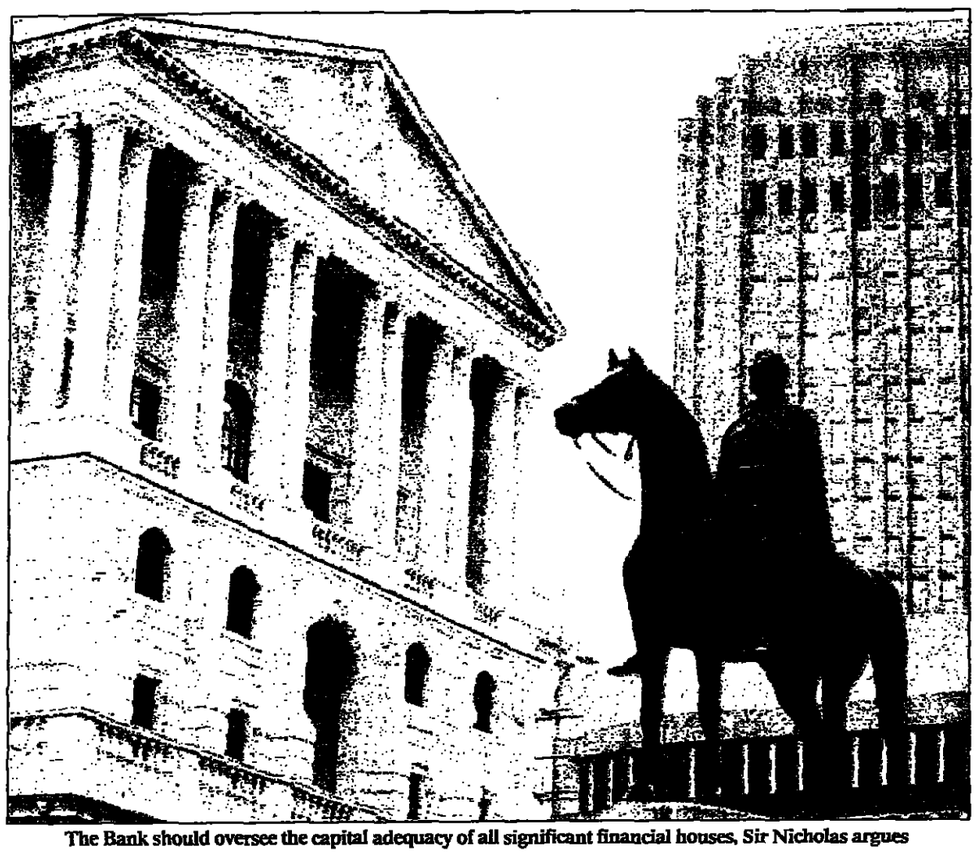
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Time for Major to let the Bank off its leading rein

Sir Nicholas Goodison says responsibility for fixing monetary policy should be delegated to the Bank of England *sooner, rather than later*



The Bank should oversee the capital adequacy of all significant financial houses, Sir Nicholas argues

Over the summer recess, the debate over the role of the Bank of England and its independence moved towards the question of accountability, as well as its role in regulatory matters, including its interest in equity markets.

Given that low inflation, and therefore a stable currency, are desirable objectives, I believe that the government should have the courage to delegate the operation of monetary policy to the Bank sooner rather than later, and certainly before the next election. This should be done by statute, which would address the prime minister's worries about accountability.

A statute would be the best way forward because it would establish the Bank's authority beyond doubt. But there could be advantages in implementing arrangements before a statute is drawn up, given the British habit of learning through the process of evolution. This process could be started almost immediately and a statute could still be implemented before the next election.

The statute and the interim arrangements would remove implementation of monetary policy from the political arena without removing from politicians the responsibility for the underlying policy.

Many people argue that if the Bank were to become the monetary authority, some of its other roles would be called into question. I am not convinced that this follows, but there is certainly room for debate on whether the Bank's functions could more appropriately be done by some other body.

I do not believe there is a case for removing the management of the public debt or the printing of banknotes from the Bank of England.

Nor do I believe that a compelling argument has been made for removing responsibilities for banking supervision from the Bank. There is a close link between the operation of a monetary authority and systemic supervision.

The monetary authority must be vitally interested in the stability of the banking system, including both the payments system and the health of individual banks. The conduct of monetary policy will be frustrated if the system is not sound. The supervision of banks' capital adequacy should be left with the Bank.

The Bank should thus continue to be responsible for systemic supervision. And its powers should be enlarged, since it is no longer enough to supervise only banks. In today's liberated markets, money goes across frontiers and in and out of different markets frequently and in large volumes, and the stability of the system can also be threatened by movements in securities and derivatives markets. In order to ensure an overall view of systemic stability, the Bank should have responsibility for the capital adequacy of all significant financial houses operating in banking, cash, foreign exchange, securities, derivatives, and so on. Presently, it does not see the whole picture.

However, the Bank should not be concerned with consumer protection, which is better dealt with elsewhere. Life has moved on from the time when banking supervision was all to do with deposit protection. The range of consumer financial products offered by banks has increased enormously. Their services now include a wide range of insurance and investment products and their activities are regulated and supervised by practically all the self-regulatory organisations set up under the Financial Services Act. Meanwhile, consumers are thankfully becoming more and more aware, and need a framework of regulation which goes beyond their banks' financial health.

Consumer protection, largely dealt with under conduct of business regulations, could be the responsibility of one overall regulator/supervisor across the entire range of financial products and this body would not be primarily responsible for supervising capital adequacy. It would rely on the Bank, at least for those businesses whose volume and type of business are material to the Bank's concerns about systemic risk, and it would need to be closely in touch with the Bank at all times (as the old Stock Exchange was in its supervision of the gilt-edged market).

Such a transition to two overall regulatory bodies would require careful deliberation and planning and would require amendments to the Financial Services Act, the Building Societies Act and the Banking Act. It seems to me a sensible way in which to solve any confusion surrounding the system of financial regulation.

What about the Bank's other roles? The Bank provides efficient settlement services in the gilt-edged and money market. This could be sub-contracted, but there is no case for doing so. Indeed, I hope that, following the Stock Exchange's failure on Taurus, the Bank will be the initial developer, owner and operator of the equity settlement system, while its long-term operation and ownership is being resolved.

Finally, the Bank has developed an important role in the field of industry and commerce. Apart from its research in these fields, from time to time it becomes involved in trying to solve difficulties, such as the argument between the Channel tunnel and its contractors, with all its complications for the international banking system, the aftermath of the Taurus failure or the difficulties raised when companies get into trouble and syndicates of banks cannot agree on the way forward.

In this case, the question is: "If not the Bank of England, then who?" There is no other institution in this country equipped to assist in the timely solution of some of these major problems. In other countries, a government department might do it. In Britain, there is no government department with the experience, authority or sensitivity to carry through such negotiations successfully. Furthermore, the London financial market is simply not like markets anywhere else. It has a greater concentration of international banks than any other financial centre, and many of the problems that arise require an understanding of different cultures and different practices.

We need a central and detached institution which can resolve difficulties speedily and to the satisfaction of the often differing parties. The Bank can do it and does it. I see no case at present for disturbing these arrangements.

The author is chairman, TSB Group and president of the British Bankers Association

THREADNEEDLE STREET EC2

Alarm over pensions is the product of Whitehall meddling



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Some very odd, even hysterical thinking is going on about future pensions. Projections of a long-term "crisis" look exaggerated but short-term efforts to curb public spending and increase the tax base could produce the very problems some economic analysts are becoming so het up about.

The long-term anxieties centre on demographic trends, which could produce a rapidly aging population early in the next century. People are living longer, and the generation of the post-war baby boom will be reaching retirement age. The birthrate has since dropped, so there will be relatively fewer of working age.

This allows a series of gloomy predictions. They are mostly centred on the welfare state and the prediction that those in work will face unsustainable tax bills unless first the state earnings related pension scheme and then the basic pension are phased out or at least drastically cut.

One apparently alarming statistic is that when the postwar welfare state was set up, there were seven people of working age for every one over 65, there are now only three and will be only 2.2 within a generation. Not by accident, this argument arises when decisions are due on a common retirement age for men and women.

Beyond this, however, some contend that the economy as a whole cannot support this aging population without being crippled, whether pensions (or indeed medical care) are financed in the private or public sector. Retired people will therefore have to put up with relatively lower living standards. Reducing tax advantages of pension schemes now would start this process.

This is a tempting argument for people now in their thirties, paying for young families and mortgages. On those projections, however, more than 30 per cent of voters will be over 65 and that is likely to have quite an impact on policy at the time.

A further argument suggests, however, that financial market forces will of themselves force relative penury on the retired. As fewer working people save relative to those drawing on their capital, investment returns will fall on the shares that pension funds hold.

All this looks quite unnecessarily alarmist. There are two basic issues here: generating the resources and distributing them.

If the national income per head continues to grow even as it has over the past generation, it should not matter how many people are in work and how many children, old people, sick and unemployed their efforts are supporting. As more women joined the official labour force, the working population has risen strongly relative to total population since 1970, jumping from less than 47 per cent to nearly 53 per cent between 1977 and the onset of recession. Even now, the proportion is higher than 20 years ago, yet this has not brought faster economic growth (or low taxes).

Ever since 1977, the economy has been unable to employ all those wanting paid work. It takes some imagination to project economic growth being held back for lack of people to employ, especially with free movement of labour in the European Community. If it were, business would seek to persuade older people to stay in work. That is, indeed, part of the logic behind the actuaries' proposal for a flexible decade of retirement. Nor should British industry lose competitiveness by supporting a higher non-working population, since our main competitors are in the same boat.

> **The pensions industry has cried wolf once too often**

If the size of the cake is not affected by an aging population, its distribution certainly would be. There are three ways to shift potential consumption from one generation to another: through the family, taxation and via the financial system, for instance by market-determined variations in the rate of profit.

Our main general distributional problem is that the family is playing an ever smaller role, putting a greater relative burden on taxation and public spending. In pensions, there is an overwhelming case for greater use of the financial system to stop overburdened public finances destroying incentives, quite apart from all the other arguments for private provision. That raises tricky questions over Serps, since transferring to private provision increases the short-term strain on the Exchequer.

There seems no need to disturb the basic pension, fixed in real terms. This transfers about 4 per cent of national income. Provided economic growth keeps pace with the gradual rate of population aging, the burden need not rise.

That still leaves a disproportionately rising role for private pensions, which would also prevent any fall in future net financial savings. Indeed, taxpayers have a strong interest in encouraging greater provision, especially for the less well-off. Against that background, reducing the tax privileges of pensions looks an odd priority.

Unfortunately, the industry is in a weak position, having cried wolf too often in the past. The temptation to tax is therefore strong. Norman Lamont discovered in his ACT reform in March that he could wring £1 billion a year out of pension funds' investment returns without any public outrage. It would be easy for Kenneth Clarke to perform the trick again, by reducing the basic tax applying to dividends or introducing some other tax on internal returns.

The public would hardly notice. That is, however, why it would not be a good idea. If investment returns are reduced by stealth, people will not realise they need to make greater provision and the future burden on public spending will simply be moved forward. If tax privileges must be cut, it would be healthier to limit tax relief on contributions, perhaps to the standard rate. That would, for the most part, hit current spending rather than pension provision. In particular, it would not affect pension saving by the lower paid. Limiting contribution relief would also, in the longer term, help a shift towards a more flexible pensions saving system more like America's individual requirement accounts, which have some features in common with personal equity plans. As so often, the easy short-term political answer is the wrong long-term one for the nation.

Inflation pressure dims yield outlook

GILT-EDGED

Interest rates still have some way to fall. We expect German rates to be down by another two percentage points by the second half of next year and UK rates to be cut by a point well before then. When these cuts materialise, it is natural to expect bond markets to respond, at least initially.

However, the question is not only how much is already discounted but how gilts will perform relative to other European bonds.

There has recently been a close, almost day-to-day, connection between moves in gilts and those in the core European bond markets, especially German Bunds. Over the short term, the market focuses on differences in nominal yields, making little allowance for different inflation rates. Over the somewhat longer term, however, investors give considerably more weight to real yields.

On a crude comparison, subtracting current inflation from nominal yields, real yields on long gilts are higher than those on comparable bonds abroad. Even if this calculation is made by using the ex-MIPS measure rather than headline retail price inflation, it still indicates that gilts are relatively attractive on a real yield basis. Unfortunately, so crude a comparison is misleading, for at least two reasons.

First, UK inflation is likely to be somewhat higher than that in much of the rest of Europe over the medium term. The UK economic cycle is at least two years ahead of that in most parts of continental Europe and even if price rises are more muted than in previous recoveries, inflation is still likely to approach 4 per cent in 1994. There will also be forecasts projecting even higher numbers for 1995. This will be in sharp contrast to the European tendency for level or lower inflation over the next year or two. If we calculate real yields by using consensus forecasts of expected inflation, we eliminate the apparent relative attractiveness of gilts at the present time.

Second, past experience and current survey evidence both suggest that investors look for a margin on gilts over, say, Bunds to compensate for the UK's traditionally more volatile inflation patterns. Given that we have "temporarily" suspended our ERM membership, there must be a real prospect that UK inflation will continue to be relatively volatile, and that gilts will need an uncertainty premium. Nor will investors be reassured by the government's political frailty. Starting from where we are, therefore, there is no good reason to suppose that gilts will outperform comparable European bonds. Indeed, long gilts will do well to keep up with core bond markets in Europe. It is true that sterling's performance might occasionally permit gilts to outperform modestly, and that may be the situation at present. But as soon as sterling goes anywhere near its summer high of DM 2.60, the currency is likely to become a bear factor for gilts.

If, and only if, inflation is significantly lower than is generally expected, will gilts stay near the top of European bond performance charts. This looks unlikely. Tax increases from the last Budget, together with those we expect the Chancellor to announce on November 30, will boost the headline retail price index by, perhaps, a percentage point from next April.

Suppressed inflation as a result of battered profit margins is also a factor, as September's 3.8 per cent increase in the prices of clothing and footwear illustrates. The implication is that it will be hard to keep wage increases subdued, as recent figures on the thawing of wage freezes underline. This is not to say that we are going back to the inflation stratosphere — just that, over the next two or three years, the UK will not be a strong candidate for the golden inflation award.

We expect bonds to do quite well everywhere in Europe in the near future, but our conclusion is that long-term investors are likely to be disappointed if they believe that gilts will be among the market leaders. The clear risk is that they will underperform.

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The seminar chairmen will be Ken Clark (J. Rothschild Assurance), Paul Joslyn (Sunlife Broker Services), Graham Roberts Phelps (Roberts Phelps Training) and Derek Forbes (Forbes Management).

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Asterix rescues Welsh jobs



Mark Opzoomer is cutting Sega's exposure to the strong yen

ASTERIX, the pint-sized Gallic cartoon character, is storming appropriately into Wales. Sega, the Japanese computer games group, has teamed up with AB Electronic Assemblies to start manufacturing games in South Wales to combat the impact of the strong yen. The company will make about 200,000 games for its popular Mega Drive this month, in time to fill shop shelves for Christmas. AB, bought by TT Group in January has begun by assembling two games that Sega hopes will become best-sellers this Festive Season — *Asterix and the Great Rescue* and *Aladdin*, which is being launched before the release of the film of the same name. Eventually, the factory in Abercynon, near Swansea, is expected to make 6 million game cartridges a year — good news for the 50 employees taken on by AB to cope with demand. Until now, all Sega's products have been made in Japan. Mark Opzoomer, Sega Europe's commercial and finance director, said the new manufacturing arrangement would reduce exposure to yen-based costs.

Boy traders

THOSE old adversaries, Oxford and Cambridge, have found new turf on which to clash. Sharelink, the telephone share dealer, is sponsoring the first Varsity investment competition, in which Oxbridge teams will try to outwit one another in share selection skills. "Students want to understand how the City, in particular, work," and the stock market, work," says Richard Waterhouse of the Oxford University Investment Society. Each team will have a notional £20,000 to invest. The judges include my learned friend, Neil Bennett, who went to London University, that hotbed of youthful passion.

Horse and hound

THE Automobile Association has launched a horse insurance policy in the wake of the equestrian attacks of recent months. It is is underwritten by Dog Breeders' Insurance.

Taking the biscuit

THANK goodness the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, 100 this year, has not succumbed to modernity. Managers and directors, have their status reflected in the type of biscuit they are given with their morning cup of tea. Bourbons are for middle management, while a directorship brings with it the ultimate accolade — a shortbread biscuit. And who gets the Jaffa cakes? Perish the thought — they are far too modern. At lunch, each grade has its own dining room, where each person has their own seat, marked with an initialled silver napkin ring. Over the years, they may move dining rooms, but they will always stay with the same people in each room, not moving seats but staying exactly where they are until it is time to move on. Pensioners are unlikely to forget the structure. When they leave, the napkin ring goes too.

CRIES of outrage echoed across Lincoln's Inns Fields on Friday after the Stock Exchange Company News Service mistakenly referred to a "Darren Simmonds" of Brunswick PR in one of its announcements — instead of the more technically correct Karen Simmonds. "I'm not sure which was worse," she laments. "Having my sex changed or being given a name like Darren." So, what's wrong with Darren, Sharon?

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (10888)
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (52206555)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (9737081) **9.45 Newshound.** (1189623)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (3526130) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6930772)
10.30 Good Morning ... With Anne and Nick. (s) (78056468)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh presents music from Kim Wilde (s) (2982536) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78929468)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (54159)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42851555) **1.50 Going for Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (42855371) **2.15 Knots Landing.** American drama serial (s) (3783449)

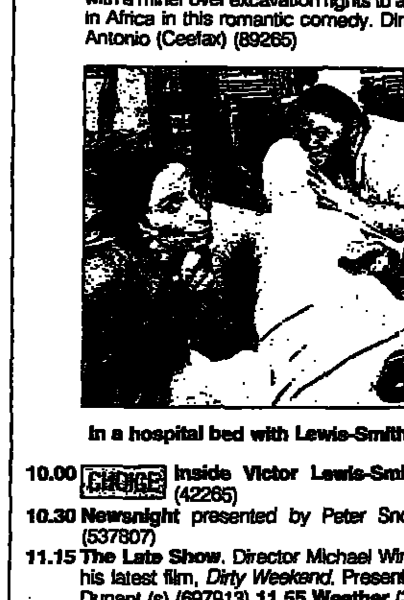


Watch with Gloria, Michael and Caron (3.05pm)

3.05 Family Affairs. Return of the series focusing on family issues, featuring Gloria Hunniford and daughter Caron Keating. *They are joined today by* Gloria's son, Michael (s) (3223772)
3.35 Cartoon. *The Hungry Wolf* (r) (Ceefax) (2131826) **3.45 Henry's Cat** (r) (7598265) **3.50 Juniper Jungle** (r) (s) (7579130) **4.00 Bodger and Badger** (s) (9978178) **4.10 *The Greedysaurus Gang*** (s) (5838536) **4.15 Star Pets** (s) (4643284) **4.35 Albert The 5th Musketeer** (Ceefax) (s)(1039371)
4.55 Newsround (8455130) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (2721371)
5.35 Neighbours *(r) (Ceefax)* (s) (837739). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) and weather (9)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (91). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz (s) (5265)
7.30 Watchdog investigates the inadequacy of cancer screening programmes (Ceefax) (s) (75)
8.00 The Good Life. Tom and Barbara catch fleas and have to figure out how to prevent them spreading to Margo and Jerry (r). (Ceefax) (4913). **Wales:** Every Second Counts
8.30 CHOICE **Get Back.** (Ceefax) (s) (3420)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell (Ceefax) and weather (5246)
9.30 Panorama: Lock Up Your Children. Martin Bashir investigates the lives of established juvenile offenders and whether government policy can combat child crime and create better citizens (407807)
10.10 House of Cards. Episode two of the acclaimed four-part political thriller, starring Ian Richardson (r). *(Ceefax)* (785197). **Northern Ireland:** *The Back Page* 10.35 House of Cards 11.35 Film 93 12.05am-12.35 Careering Ahead
11.10 Film 93 with Barry Norman. The films reviewed tonight are *Dave* with Kevin Kline, Mike Leigh's *Naked* and *The Real McCoy*, starring Kim Basinger and Val Kilmer. There is also a preview of the London Film Festival which opens on Thursday (s) (736246). **Wales:** Face Off 11.45 Film 93 12.15am-12.45 Careering Ahead
11.40 Careering Ahead (r). (516604)
12.10am Weather (6313647). Ends at **12.15**
2.00-3.30 BBC Select: Voluntary Sector Television (42937) **3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update** (52531)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (9064420)
8.15 Westminster (9087371)
8.30 Under Sail. The 1984 "Rum Regatta" in Flensburg (r) (3895468) **8.50 A Week To Remember** (b/w). Newsreels from 1953 (6963081) **9.00 Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills with advice on restoring picture frames (r) (7261604)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20 Gordon T. Gopher** (87372623) **1.30 Christopher Crocodile** (96820826) **1.35-1.40 Dilly the Dinosaur** (96829197)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (90752975) **2.05 Numbertime** (r) (s) (14613975)
2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (294604). **Northern Ireland:** Seabrook's Year; **Wales** (to 3.00): Welsh Questions Live **2.45 Canwas.** The founders of the Scottish school (r) (6742772)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4171081) **3.05 Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4035352)
3.40 A Week To Remember (b/w) (r) (7588888) **3.50 Regional News** and weather (7577772)
4.00 Catchword. New word game presented by Paul Coia in which *contestants pit their wits against* Bryan the computer (s) (64)
4.30 Wildlife Showcase. Whales of the Pacific (r). (Ceefax) (88)
5.00 Today's The Day. Martyn Lewis presents a new *daily quiz based on memorable events of this day in* years gone by (6371)
5.30 The Gift. The story behind the Statue of Liberty (8)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w) (Ceefax) (221420)
6.25 Def II. Les Lives (581449) **6.30 The Real McCoy.** Comedy from Britain's best black comedians (r) (s) (33) **7.00 D Energy.** Dance music magazine (s) (3807)
7.30 CHOICE **The Ark: Survival of the Fittest** (revised r). (Ceefax)(43197)
8.30 *FILM:* Face to Face (1990) starring Elizabeth Montgomery. She plays a fossil-hunter who clashes with a miner over excavation rights to a piece of land in Africa in this romantic comedy. Directed by Lou Antonio (Ceefax) (89265)



In a hospital bed with Lewis-Smith (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Inside Victor Lewis-Smith.** (Ceefax) (42265)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (537807)
11.15 The Late Show. Director Michael Winner defends his latest film, *Dirty Weekend.* Presented by Sarah Dunant (s) (697913) **11.55 Weather** (310642)
12.00 Booker 1993. The first of four nightly readings from this year's prize-winning novel (s) (2639591)
12.15am *FILM: Dillinger* *(1945, b/w) starring Lawrence* Tierney as the ruthless gangster who became public enemy number one. Directed by Max Nosseck (5544937) Ends at **1.30**
2.00-4.00 Night School. France Français (78289)

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CHOICE



Ten years on for the wheeler-dealers (C4, 9.00pm)

Cutting Edge: Whatever Happened to the Knockers?
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In 1983 Jeff Perks made a memorable documentary about a bunch of unemployed lads from the East End of London. Travelling in a battered Ford Transit they ventured into leafy suburban Kent and tried to sell dodgy goods on the doorstep in the spurious name of the disabled. A high point of the scam was Charles and Di oven gloves, PVC masquerading as real leather, a fiver a throw. Ten years on Perks catches up on the "knockers", now in their thirties, and discovers what they are up to. Some of the answers are surprising. Extracts from the original film are interwoven with the new footage in an exercise which says much about the successes and failures of working-class Britons during the heyday of the enterprise society.

Get Back
BBC1, 8.30pm

Although still billed as "recession comedy for the 1990s", *Get Back* is settling into that staple sitcom scenario of the family that is tested by rows and upheavals but manages to stick together. The recession, which was in any case anaesthetised by humour, seems to have become a distant peg. In tonight's episode, the Sweets are burgled, annoyed by a noisy neighbour and face up to a bully. Paul Makin's script is neatly plotted and often funny but it has little to do with living on the margin. The series is really about the persistence of a narrow, philistine proletarian culture. When the Sweets' daughter tries to break out of it by studying Sophocles, her enthusiasm is deflated with a crack about mean old grandad.

Inside Victor Lewis-Smith
BBC2, 10.00pm

It is hard, off hand, to think of another comedy series conducted from a hospital bed by a star in a coma. So at least *Inside Victor Lewis-Smith* scores on originality. It is also pretty funny, particularly if you enjoy parodies of television and cinema documentaries which mix real archive film with silly commentaries. One regular strand links celebrities with the same name, as demonstrated in the story of the husband and wife Hollywood philosophers, Bertrand and Jane Russell. And anyone who spent their formative cinema years watching the anodyne *Look at Life* pictorials will relish this 1993 revival. Lewis-Smith is a patient in St Reith's, a hospital run by the BBC for old television personalities. It has a Frank Bough memorial wing.

The Ark: The Survival of the Fittest
BBC2, 7.30pm

Although we are in London Zoo, the Darwinian subtitle of Molly Dineen's film refers more to the human kingdom than the animal one. It is the late summer of 1991, the zoo's financial troubles have come to a head and the management has to take immediate action to claw back £1.7 million. The first casualties are the keepers. The curator and field vole expert, Dr Jo Gipps, tells the staff they must be adaptable. It is a euphemism for redundancy. Dineen is a skilful film-maker who shoots her own material, presents it without commentary and also acts as off-screen interviewer. First shown in January, her series is an incisive study of a revered institution being exposed to the chill winds of the free market. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8527468)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket (s) (7299517) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6949420)
10.00 The Time...The Place... Topical discussion series (s) (3056642)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (78040807) **12.20 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather (7847062)*
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9885264)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext)(9860975) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama (Teletext) (30139333) **1.55 A Country Practice.** *Medical* drama set in the Australian outback (s) (42849710)
2.20 Capital Woman. Includes a look at environmentally-friendly clothes and a report on a self-build community scheme (s) (59478975) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama (7924536)
3.20 News headlines and weather (4188371) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4187642)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (2127623) **3.40 Wizadora** (7508642) **3.50 Wowser** (r) (7504826) **4.00 Sooty & Co** (s) (6174587) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (4625888) **4.50 How 2.** Carol Vorderman and Fred Dinenage present the fun and facts show (2390401)
5.10 Home And Away *(r). (Teletext) (2715710)*
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (438517)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (514739) **6.50 Off the Streets.** Series on the homeless in London (634541)
7.00 The Krypton Factor Four contestants face more tests of brain and brawn. (Teletext) (7343)

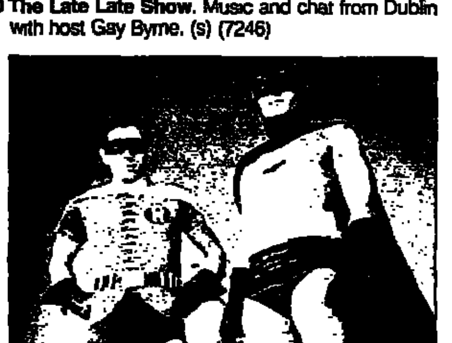


The return of Raquel of the Rovers (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Raquel (Sarah Lancashire) *returns from her modelling course. (Teletext) (1)*
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show hosted by Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (9081)
8.30 World In Action: Fathers In Fear. An examination of the work of the Child Support Agency which is accused of penalising responsible divorced fathers while ignoring those difficult to trace (s) (5888)
9.00 Cracker: One Day a Lemming Will Fly. Fitz (Robbie Coltrane) is called in when a boy goes missing. Pressure mounts when a crowd gathers *outside the police station, demanding action.* Episode one of a new two-part mystery (Teletext) (s) (8826)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (39791) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (379975)
10.40 FILM: Terror on Highway 91 *(1989) starring* Ricky Schroder. True story of idealistic recruit to local police force who becomes disillusioned by the corruption behind the sheriff's popular image. Directed by Jerry Jameson (90461710)
12.30am The Beat. Music magazine (s) (62579)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (3622376)
2.20 Nite Bites. Seafood is on the menu (s) (7501024)
2.30 Sport AM (93956)
3.30 Videofashion. Male models talk about their work (72444)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r). (s) (93937)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r). (88956)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (59956)
5.30 ITN Morning News (48289). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated adventures (1648178)
6.50 The Wombles More antics from the residents of Wimbledon Common (2363449)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Frantic antics with lively hosts Chris Evans and Gabby Roslin (60710)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby hosts the American game show (r). (s) (56468)
9.30 Schools: *Geography - Start Here!* (5894130) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5817081) **10.02** Science - Start Here! (6782623) **10.18** World Studies (6761130) **10.40** The English Programme (8556536) **11.07** Time for Maths (7399159) **11.18** Your World Plants (7313739) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (5918826) **11.45** Junior Technology (5906081)
12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (36604)
12.30 Sesame Street. Dancer Savion joins the gang (99352) **1.30 Bobobobs** (r) (86197)
2.00 FILM: Neutral Port (1940, b/w) starring Will Fyffe. Wartime propaganda film in which the skipper of a merchant vessel vows revenge when his ship is sunk by a U-boat in a neutral port. Directed by Marcel Varnel (333062)
3.40 Cat and Mousse. Comedy short about a cat's efforts to ruin its owner's second marriage (2105401)
3.55 Plant Life. How and why plants develop in the way they do (r). (Teletext) (3880197)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Quickfire general knowledge quiz (Teletext) (s) (4)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and chat from Dublin with host Gay Byrne. (s) (7246)



A tight spot for Ward and West (6.00pm)

6.00 Batman. More adventures from Gotham City. Batman and Robin have to disarm an explosive statue. Starring Adam West and Burt Ward (49)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series about growing up in the 1960s. Kevin is given the chance to watch a forbidden film and Chuck finally plucks up the courage to speak to a girl (r) (s) (71)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (347449)
7.50 Comment. Grace Kempster bemoans the continued neglect of public libraries (492536)
8.00 Brookside. Topical drama series set in suburban Merseyside close. The press descends when scandal breaks. Jimmy becomes homeless and Frank's wedding is threatened. (Teletext) (s) (7623)
8.30 Desmond's. *Comedy series set in a south London* barber's shop starring Norman Beaton and Carmen Munroe. Desmond adopts a regal pose and Gloria decides her 20th birthday is a time to change her life. (Teletext) (s) (6130)
9.00 CHOICE ***Cutting Edge: Whatever Happened to the Knockers?*** (Teletext) (6468)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in the American Deep South during the 1950s, starring Sam Waterston. Forrest and Christina help Tucker Anderson *overcome his alcohol addiction.* (Teletext) (s) (9555)
11.00 The American Football Big Match. Gary Imlach presents the match between Kansas City and the Miami Dolphins. Plus highlights of the other NFL matches (535159)
12.20am Late Night Experiment. Collection of short films. With John Smith's *Snow Glass,* Jonas Mekas's *Hare Krishna* and Nina Danino's *Now I Am Yours* (7406376). Ends at **1.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session (r) **9.00** Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (r) **9.30** Glitter and Twisted: Noddy Holder, of Slade, examines the revival of 1970s culture **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Terry Wogan **9.15** *Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Neil Kinnock talks to Melvyn Bragg at the launch of National Library Week **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** *Big Band Era* **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Traditionally British **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Active Science: **9.30** *The Song Tree,* **9.45** *Let's Move!:* **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30** More Nosh, Less Dosh **1.00** News **1.10** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Professor Branestawm Again, by Norman Hunter. Read by Dinsdale Landen (1/4) **7.30** Champion Sport, with Jon Champion. Including at **8.00** the FA Premiership match between West Ham and Manchester City **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** *BBC English* **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.30** From Hoplite to Harrier: A Radio History of Warfare **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Images of Britain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's *World of Music* **9.45** *Sport* **10.01** Making America **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmegazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Hoax **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *McSorley's Wonderful Saloon* **2.45** The Tip of the Tongue **3.00** News **3.15** Dot, Dot, Dash **3.30** Turning a Blind Eye **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** *Europe Today* **9.00** News **10.10** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** News **12.30am** The Litmus Test *1.00 News* **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** News **2.30** Hoax **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto: Villa-Lobos (Guitar Concerto. John Williams, ECO)* **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind **8.00** Evening Concert. Berlioz (Overture, *Roman Carnival*); Saint-Saëns (*Carnival of the Animals*); Respighi (*Roman Festivals*) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20-2.50 The Good Yarn Show (59478975) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (4187642) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (2715710) **6.00** Home And Away (225246) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (215081) **10.30** Anglia News And Weather (379975) **10.40** Marquee (860536) **11.10** Crime Story (704642) **12.05am** Love And War (9207111) **12.40** Tropical Heat (4088579) **1.35** Sport AM (3125024) **2.35** Donahue (4042314) **3.25** The Beat (9869227) **4.20** Out Of Limits (75764531) **4.30** Riviera (88956) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (59956)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (42849710) **2.20** Cooking With Kurma (59478975) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7924536) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4187642) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (2715710) **6.00** Home And Away (225246) **6.25-7.00** Central News (215081) **10.30** Central News (379975) **10.40** The Twilight Zone (816826) **11.15** Pro Box Classics (324604) **12.15am** Sail The World (47537) **12.45** Capital Challenge (820314) **1.45** Film: Powderkeg (255289) **3.30** Sport AM (65173) **4.30-5.20** Jobfinder (6079111)

GRANADA
As London except: 2.20 Gardener's Diary (59478975) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (7924536) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (4187642) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2715710) **6.00** Home And Away (97) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (59) **10.30** Granada News (663826) **10.35** Granada Business Week (662197) **10.40** Being There (860536) **11.10** *Comic Timing* (754642) **11.40** Boxing (781826) **12.40am** Tropical Heat (4088579) **1.35** Sport A.M. (3125024) **2.35** Donahue (4042314) **3.25** The Beat (9869227) **4.20** Out Of Limits (75764531) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (88956)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook (59478975) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (4187642) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (64975) **10.40** Married...With Children (860536) **11.10** Foley Square (754642) **11.40** War Of The Worlds (781826) **12.40am** Tropical Heat (4088579) **1.35** Sport AM (3125024) **2.35** Donahue (4042314) **3.25** The Beat (9869227) **4.20** Out Of Limits (75764531) **4.30** Riviera (88956) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (97) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (59) **10.40** Dennis O'Neil (520517) **11.25-11.40** World Cup Hall Of Fame (633710)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.20 Houseparty (59478975) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7924536) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News & Weather (4187642) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (943130) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (97) **6.30-7.00** Spirit Of The South (59) **10.30** Meridian *News & Weather* (379975) **10.40** *Beverly Hills 90210* (850197) **11.35** Confidential (502401) **12.05am-12.30** The Hidden Room (3600005) **2.30-3.30** Sport AM (93956)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.20 An Invitation To Remember (59487623) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (3237975) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (142536) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (59) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (379975) **10.40** In A City Art (860536) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (704642) **12.05am** *Sail The World* (3621598) **12.35** Film: Hold-Up (57662395) **2.40** Entertainment U.K. (3401289) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (9066598) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (42849710) **2.20** Gardening Time (59478975) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7924536) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (4187642) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (64975) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (379975) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (860536) *11.10* The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (704642) **12.05am** Coach (3621598) **12.35** My Story (2088802) **12.40** Tropical Heat (4088579) **1.35** Sport AM (3125024) **2.35** Donahue (4042314) **3.25** The Beat (9869227) **4.20** Out Of Limits (75764531) **4.30** Riviera (88956) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (59956)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.20 An Invitation To *Remember (59487623) 5.55 Calendar News* (142536) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (59) **10.30** Calendar News (379975) **10.40** Local Heroes (860536) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (704642) **12.05am** Sail The World (3621598) **12.35** Film: Hold-Up (57662395) **2.40** Entertainment U.K. (3401289) *3.40 ITV* Chart Show (9066598) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (5797579)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (60710) ***9.00** You Bet Your Life (56468)* **9.30** Schools (942197) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (36604) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (87826) **1.00** Roseanne (70197) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (86197) **2.00** Film. Tin Pan Alley (698569) **3.45** A Perfect Moment (2104772) **4.00** Slot 23 (2772) ***5.00** Batman (8739) **5.30** Fifteen* To One (36) **6.00** Newyddion (324081) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (577246) **6.25** Hero (213623) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8975) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (3) **8.00** Penblwydd Hapus (7623) **8.30** Newyddion (6130) **9.00** Sgorio (6468) ***10.00** Brookside (37333) **10.30** Cheers* (46081) **11.00** American Football (805420) **12.15am** I'll Fly Away (829685)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air:** Biber (Sonata a 3); Schubert (11 Ecossaises); Rossini (Overture, The Silken Ladder); Purcell (Awake ye dead); Grieg (In Autumn, Op 11); Gershwin (Symphonic Portrait, Porgy and Bess)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Tchaikovsky The Early Years. Dances, The Oprichnik; Souvenir de Hapsal, Op 2; To Sleep; Scherzo à la Russe, Op 1 No 1 (Michael Ponti, piano). My angel (Robert Tear, tenor, and Philip Ledger, piano); Do not Believe; None but the lonely heart (Joan Rodgers, soprano, and Roger Vignoles, piano); Fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet 1869 version
10.00 Musical Encounters: Bizet (Overture, Doctor Miracle); Bach, arr Stokowski (Siciliano); Brahams *(Two Songs, Op 91);* **10.20** Artist of the Week: James Dower, flute, performs Thiriet (Flute Concerto); Mozart (Piano Sonata in A minor, K310); Damase (Ballet Suite, La croqueuse de diamants); Innocenzo Fede (Sei pur dolce; Recorder Sonata); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat)
12.00 Verdi Voices: *Fathers and* Daughters. Roderick Swanston introduces extracts from *Luisa Miller, Simone Boccanegra* and *Rigoletto*
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert from St John's, Smith Square. Bartók Quartet plays Mozart (String Quartet in G, K387); Schumann *(String Quartet in A* minor, Op 41 No 1)
2.00 Music at Oxford: BBC Singers under Simon Joly performs Bach (Singet dem Herrn); Wolf *(Geistliche* Lieder); Messiaen (O sacrum convivium); Ligeti (Lux aeterna): Giles Swayne (Magnificat); Howells (Requiem); Daniel-Lesur (Le cantique de cantiques)
3.45 A King's Concert: Fretwork plays courtly music by Lawes, Coprario and Ferrabosco
4.30 Swing That Music: See Choice
5.00 In Tune: Monteverdi (Beatus Vir); Schubert, transcr Liszt (Auf dem Wasser zu Singen); Tchaikovsky (Sleeping Beauty excerpts)
7.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier plays Messiaen (Les Offrandes Oubliées); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor: Alexander Markov); *Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)*
9.00 Translations from the Natural World: The poet Les Murray reads his own work
9.10 Margaret Price Sings Schubert: *The soprano, with* Philip Moll, piano, performs Schubert (An die untergehende Sonne; Der Wanderer an den Mond; Die Mainacht; Die junge Nonne; Im Freien; Der Unglückliche; Sehnsucht); Schumann (Leiderkreis, Op 39) (r)
10.10 Bath International Festival 1993: Arve Tellefsen, violin, and Harvard Gimse, piano, perform Brahms (Scherzo in C minor, FAE Sonata); Grieg (Violin Sonata No 3 in C minor)
10.45 Mixing It with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Music Restor'd: The penultimate programme from this year's York Early Music festival. Featuring Musica Petropolitana
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Passport to Hell: Pete McCarthy reveals the truth about the wild men of Hunstanton and other travellers' tales with the help of *the BBC sound archives* **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg and guest presenter Rosie Boycott are joined by Steven Berkoff, Kathy Lette, Edward Pearce and Jack Jaffé
10.00-10.30 Inspiration (FM only): Chris Stuart chairs the quiz about inventors and their creations. With guests Heather Couper, Professor Lewis Wolpert, Dr Mike Stroud and Sue Nelson
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, in Manchester
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Isaiah. Read by David Neal (5/16) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour examines Raynaud's disease and investigates love and loss in *literature.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: In the last contest of the series, the *London team of Irene Thomas* and Eric Korn take on the North team of Paul Baker and Margaret Leasing **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Seven Per Cent Solution, by Nicholas Meyer. The riddle of Holmes's disappearance after the Reichenbach Falls is at last solved. With Simon Callow and Ian Hogg (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor's guest is the writer Alan Plater
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen celebrates National Library Week by hosting the programme from Bolton public library; including a review of a book called *Long Overdue*
4.45 Short Story: Wednesdays and Fridays, by Elizabeth Jolley. Read by Carole Boyd (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Chairman Barry Took quizzes team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren and guests for the last time in the series (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Progamme: Including the winner of *The Food Programme's* Good Food competition, and Derek Cooper tests the best from *Henrietta Green's Food Lover's Guide to Britain* (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Seagull. *See Choice*
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Paddy *Clarke Ha Ha Ha. Episode four* of Roddy Doyle's Booker-nominated novel about the inner thoughts of a ten-year-old boy. Read by Mark Lambert
11.00 You Heard It Here First: An Actor's Life for Me, by Paul Mayhew-Archer. With John Gordon-Sinclair (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Monday Play: The Seagull. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Cherry Cookson recorded her Chekhov production in a country house in Hertfordshire. *But again, the question occurs:* does the listener benefit from location recording? Acoustically, the gain is minimal, though the sound of feet on floorboards is a realistic plus. Emotionally, Helena Bonham-Carter's Nina, Diana Quick's Arkadina, Alex Jennings's Trigorin and Robert Glenister's Constantin could hardly be improved on, whether in urban Broadcasting House or rural Herts.

Swing That Music. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*
Slowly but surely, producer Derek Drescher is working his way through the history of American jazz, focusing on outstanding exponents and shifting his perspective by changing his presenters. He has picked Alyn Shipton for his three-part series on the black trumpeter Doc Cheatham, now 88, and still playing. Part one spans the years between Cheatham's standing-in for Satchmo in the 1920s (and washing restaurant dishes in his spare time) and joining McKinney's Cotton Pickers in 1931. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50292468) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4346807) **9.00** Cartoons (89710) **9.30** The Pyramid Game *(16352)* **10.00** *Card Sharks (82468)* **10.30** Concentration (85994) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (94933) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (76246) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (27468) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (15623) **2.00** Beggarman, Thief (83197) **3.00** Another World (8159555) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8051826) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9246) **6.00** Games World (9026) **6.30** Paradise Beach (4420) **7.00** Rescue (9325) **7.30** Growing Pains (8864) **8.00** Bloodlines: Murder in the Family (69468) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (48975) **11.00** The Untouchables (97888) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (88482) **1.00am** Night Court (39289) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (69918)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (43130) **9.30** Roving Report (14994) **10.30** The Book Show (83536) **11.30** Japan Business Today (15159) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (18710) **1.30** CBS Morning News (17081) **2.30** Parliament Live (3951) **3.30** Parliament Live (2826) **4.30** World News and Business Report (7517) **5.00** Live at Five (7888) **7.30** Special Report (8246) **9.30** Talkback (75866) **11.30** CBS Evening News (79994) **12.30am** ABC World News (66111) **1.30** Special Report (50260) **2.30** Travel Destinations (29378) **3.30** Talkback (43956) **4.30** Special (41024) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (88821)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6563772)
10.00 Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (1985): Three girls take part in a music contest. Starring Sarah Jessica Parker (21284)
12.00 Hostile Guns (1967): George Montgomery escorts four prisoners (57772)
2.00pm Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1966): Audie Murphy stars in this story of homesteaders in need of protection (62555)
4.00 The Diamond Trap (1988): Twiggy plays a British detective, teaming up with two policemen from New York (4178)
6.00 Girls Just Wanna Have Fun *(as 10am)* (42791)
8.00 My Son Johnny (1991): A boy is upset by the return of his elder brother (24787826)
9.40 UK Top Ten (853569)
10.00 The Super (1991): Joe Pesci as a *landlord who is forced to move into one of his* apartments (98791)
11.30 Fever (1992): Sam Neill teams up with Armand Assante to rescue Marcia Gay Harden (900420)
1.10am Savage Harvest (1981): A family find their lives in danger (3295314)
2.35 Captive (1991): A couple are taken hostage by escaped convicts (4307531)
4.05 To Save a Child (1991): A woman discovers her husband and his family are witches (785192) Ends at **5.35**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm A Farewell to Arms (1957): Rock Hudson falls in love with Jennifer Jones (52870468)
8.40 Gandhi *(1982): Biopic of the Indian* leader Starring Ben Kingsley (68320159). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Purple People Eater (1988): A boy and a purple alien have a series of amazing adventures (17401)
8.00 Little Heroes: A girl embarks on a heroic rescue (65791)
10.00 Design for Living (1933, b/w). Based on Noël Coward's play about two friends in love with the same woman (84538062)
11.50 The Jolson Story (1946): Biopic of the famous singer (32729517)
2.00pm Lost in the Barrens (1990) Two boys find themselves lost in the wilderness (60197)
4.00 Little Heroes (as 8am) (63651159)
5.50 Dead on the Money (1991): An actress falls in love with a member of the audience. With Amanda Pays (66871333)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (6642)
8.00 Necessary Roughness (1992): Non-athletic students form a football team (52178)
10.00 Neon Empire (1991) Ray Sharkey plays a gangster who dreams of building a gambling city in the desert (10861772)
12.05am White Palace (1990): James Spader falls in love with an older woman, Susan Sarandon (512550)
1.50 Servants of Twilight (1992): Thriller about a group of fanatics who embark on a mission to kill a six-year-old boy (412647)
3.30 Quiet Days in Clichy (1989): Nigel Havers and Andrew McCarthy star in Henry Miller's work (551005). Ends at **5.10**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (55826) **7.30** *Red Line* (30159) **8.30** World Sports Special (62642) **9.00** Football: Coventry City v Sheffield Utd (12307) **11.00** Paris Open Tennis (2529536) **5.00pm** Windsurfing (2739) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (2284) **6.00** Soccer News (391888) **6.15** WWF Wrestling (461333) **7.00** Football: West Ham Utd v Manchester City (80934710) **10.15** Soccer News (240081) **10.30** Goal (50807) **11.00** Ringside Superbouts (31246) **12.00-2.00am** Football (as 7pm) (28024)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (29401) **8.00** Golf: Iberia Open (61739) **9.00** Figure Skating (29913) **11.00** Skiing World Cup (45449) ***12.00** Motorsport (86555) **1.00pm** Tennis* WTA Ladies (273739) **4.00** Eurofun (4888) **4.30** Skiing (12975) **6.30** Eurosport News (5517) **7.00** Car Racing Nascar Magazine (20130) **9.00** Boxing (39064) **10.00** Eurogoals (89541) **11.00** Eurogolf (59642) ***12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (30208)*

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (4570975) **7.30** Neighbours (4582710) **8.00** Sons and Daughters *(7740352)* ***8.30** EastEnders (7749623)* **9.00** The Bill (7730975) **9.30** Nanny (2758807) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (5187159) **11.30** Rhoda (9549178) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7750739) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1921536) **1.00** EastEnders (4578246) **1.30** *The Bill* (1920807) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (8604975) **2.30** Shelley (6520212) **3.00** Dallas (9543994) **4.00** Dynasty (9522401) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8626555) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8425848) **6.00** Neighbours (5170771) **6.30** EastEnders (7170951) **7.00** Nanny (9076130) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (8624739) **8.30** Shelley (8603246) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (9005642) **10.00** The Bill (7751468) **10.30** The Young Ones (7737888) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9523130) **11.30** Dr Who: The Dead Planet (8443536) **12.00** FILM. The Sheepman (1958). Starring Glenn Ford and Shirley Maclaine (8207821) **1.30am** Video Bites (1185005) **2.00** Shopping at Night (71982024)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (41710) **7.00** RatKan II (59848) **9.00** T-Rex (295826) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (92509) **12.00** Fame (30771) **1.00pm** Captain N the Games Master (97880159) **3.25** RatKan II (3919265) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (6826) **4.00** Sandokhan (5333) **4.30-5.00** The Snow Spider (1517)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (53468) **7.30** Guts *(32975)* ***8.00** Get the Picture (81913)* **8.30** Wild Side Show (60284) **9.00** We All Have Tales (51536) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (88178) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (15710) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (40420) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (56420) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (12604) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears We All Have Tales (82994) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (87449) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (9401) **2.30** Special Delivery (8710) **3.00** Kablooey (8536) **3.30** Out of Control (1555) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (6802) **4.30** Hey Dude (6246) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (3081) **5.30** Get the Picture (6048) **6.00** Guts (7739) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (1791)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earthfile (7375554) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (4920438) **5.00** Those Who Dare (8626197) **5.30** Skybound (4720230) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5153536) **6.50** Extra Dimensions (8805739) **7.00** Get Wet (8606333) **7.30** The Extremists (3570997) **8.00** Discovery Wildside (9083420) **9.00** Terra X (9559555) **9.30** Pacifica Tales from the South Seas (1932642) **10.00** Search for Adventure (4714807) **10.55** Birds in Australia (2846062) **11.50-12.00** Walrus Wik' Waluga (4331197)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary [illegible]artman (7745807) **12.30pm** FILM: Front [illegible]age Story (1953, b/w): With Jack Hawkin[illegible] (24069333) **2.10** FILM: San Demetrio, [illegible]ondon (1943, b/w). Story of the oil tanker [illegible]orpedoed by the Germans (1333826) **3.50** Robert Benchley (36112371) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5397220) **4.30** My Three Sons (4825884) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8613623) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (6825064) **6.00** I Spy (1924623) **7.00** Cannon (8001826) **8.00** FILM. The Kitchen (1961, b/w). A cook tells his fellow workers to dream of a better life (73290246) **9.20** A String of Pearls (5563772) ***10.00** FILM. The Cool and the Crazy* (1958, b/w): A reform student introduces his classmates to grass (46719333) **11.15** Art Linkletter and the Kids (3236555) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6438604)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (1475081) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2740517) **8.30** Living Daylights (2749888) **9.00** Divorce Court (2753468) **9.30** Hot Topics (4996555) **10.00** Health UK (2456246) **10.30** Living Extra (2752352) **11.00** On The House (8991604) **11.30** Delia Smith Cookery Course 1 (8992333) **12.00** Practical Living (41626623) **12.15pm** Kilroy (2264026) **1.00** Crosswits (2654284) **1.30** Infatuation (4999642) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2457975) **3.00** Agony Hour (8903449) **4.00** Crosswits (5360807) **4.30** Infatuation (5359791) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (8920420) **6.00** What's Up Dr Ruth? (5370284) **6.30** Masterchef (5361536) **7.00** Agony Hour (2813623) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2822371) **9.00** FILM: Dominique (1979). A woman is driven to suicide (2892130) **11.00** Divorce Court (8916913) **11.30** You're On the Air, With Dr Ruth (2445130) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1439289)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (2371) **5.30** Danger Bay (5197) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (5710) **6.30** Catchphrase (6062) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9807) **7.30** All Clued Up (2246) **8.00** Remington Steele (47284) **9.00** Neon Rider (27420) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (83159) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (92807) **11.00** Newhart (80401) **11.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (78888) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (64840)

MTV
5.00am Beatles Day (39937) **6.00** Awake on the Wild Side (707371) **9.00** Marijne Van Der Vlugt (435642) **12.00** Greatest Hits (12159) **1.00pm** On Tour (95555) **3.00** Paul McCartney Rockumentary (9284) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (1202284) **3.45** At the Movies (1207739) **4.00** News (1732178) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1715401) **4.30** The Grind (3975) **5.00** Hit List UK (98081) **7.00** Magical Mystery Tour (30994) **8.00** Music Non-Stop (49642) **9.00** Greatest Hits (36178) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (302420) **10.15** At the Movies (307975) **10.30** News at Night (182401) **10.45** 3 from 1 (110284) **11.00** Rock Block (82913) **1.00am** Marijne Van Der Vlugt (76537) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (4730260)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (75265) **6.30** Punjabi News (7586352) **6.45** Gujarati News (5436401) **7.00** Bengali News (98130) **7.30** Hindi News (17265) **8.00** Urdu News (76587) **8.30** English News (20620) **9.30** Hisaar (83062) **10.30** Lifestyle (47536) **11.30** Telly Talk (93975) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (26064) **12.30pm** Mustafain (11420) **1.00** Purnima (348371) **4.00** Kiddie Tim[illegible] (16825) **5.00-6.00** TVA Dedicated to Y[illegible] (5604) **7.00** Showtime (1307) **8.00** E[illegible] News (185371) **8.15** Face to Fac[illegible] Ramola Bachchan (675159) **9.0**[illegible] Vinod (895975) **12.05am** Five Pa[illegible]7685) (6708208) **1.00** Ajooba Kudrat K[illegible] (60442) **4.00** Ajanabee (16227) **5.00** [illegible] **5.30-6.00** Music (37111)

TNT
7.00pm Doctor, Yo[illegible]**...ot to be Kidding** a pregnant woman (1967): Sandra D[illegible] (62468) [illegible] with three suitors **Women** (1937, b/w): A **8.45 Between**[illegible] a married woman surgeon [illegible] (56181791) **Prentiss** (1947). A nightclub **10.30 N**[illegible] chaos in a doctor's ordered singer (8265) [illegible] **Young Dr Kildare** (1938, b/w): A [illegible] doctor starts work in a New York [illegible]spital (48415753) **2.15 The Secret of Dr Kildare:** The doctor tries to cure a blind woman (39222821) **3.50 The Mysterious Doctor** (1943): Story of a Nazi doctor (76844444). Ends at **5.00**

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Gas's new regulator is unbending on need for competition



Spottiswoode: no soft touch

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CLARE Spottiswoode, Britain's new director-general of Gas Supply, means to draw the monopolistic teeth of British Gas, the country's second-biggest company. The former Treasury economist, who takes office today, sees her task as overseeing widespread introduction of competition into the UK gas market without supply interruptions, price surges or safety shortfalls.

If Cedric Brown, British Gas's chief executive, thinks she is going to be a soft touch, he is likely to be disappointed. For Ms Spottiswoode, like her predecessor Sir James McKinnon, believes the best way to regulate a monopoly is to make it compete. She sees no need for any early move to rate-of-return regulation for British Gas's core distribution business. When the first draft of a revised British Gas price control lands on her desk next week, the need to maintain pressure on the company to cut costs is likely to be at the front of her mind.

"Competition is very much better than regulation," she said. Even in the monopoly transmission business, rate-of-return regulation would be "second best" to price caps that promoted efficiency.

Ms Spottiswoode agrees with the monopolies commission recommendation that British Gas be demerged. Some form of break-up is needed, she says. "Otherwise, they are going to continue to have problems from the Office of Fair Trading and ourselves." She will not have a clear chart by which to steer British Gas towards a slimmed-down role in a competitive gas market until Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, makes a decision on the commission's findings.

The argument that British Gas's monopoly over the tariff market should be removed in 1998, coinciding with removal of constraints in the domestic electricity market, seems to be gaining ground.

A mother of four with a background as a Treasury economist, and the founder of a computer software company, Ms Spottiswoode was not an obvious choice to succeed Sir James McKinnon, who finished his second term in the chair last week.

Her combination of Treasury attitudes and small business experience suggest a less combative approach than the street-fighting tactics of Sir James, a big-business knight to whom gas consumers (excluding, perhaps, British Gas shareholders) are indebted.

Ms Spottiswoode believes in intellectual rigour. "I dislike people who just skate over issues," she said. "I reach decisions first by analysis." Inevitably, her effectiveness will be judged by the pace at which competition spreads, rather than the quality of her analysis. Goals matter too: "I want to have a very transparent system, where I can rely upon shippers to tell me if there is a problem," she said. "At the moment, it is pretty opaque." She adds: "If we just open up to competition, it is entirely possible that we will simply swop one monopoly for another because all the regional electricity companies will come in." Involvement of RECs is "not necessarily against the public interest", she said. But it would need careful consideration. The regulator's function, she believes, is to ensure stability in the transition.

Thus far, she appears unswayed by British Gas's lobbying campaign to highlight the difficulties of changing the status quo. "I don't think you do good business abroad by having a fat, lazy business in the UK that thinks it is doing well," she said. "For British Gas to do well abroad, it is very good for them to have a competitive UK structure. That actually helps them."

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Pensions tax change 'could spark crash'

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ Pension funds, fearing they are seen as a soft touch for government revenue, will try to convince the Treasury that more tax levies would do serious damage to business

FEARS are growing in the £400 billion pension fund industry that the Chancellor plans further measures in this month's Budget to tax their income returns or reduce the benefits of tax exemptions. The Treasury is understood to have made detailed studies to see whether still more tax could be clawed back from the returns on pension funds' investments, following changes made in the March Budget.

One leading City fund manager has warned its clients to expect a new levy unless the industry can persuade the government that it would be more damaging than the last and would force employers to inject billions of pounds into their funds to restore their actuarial value.

The National Association of Pension Funds also fears that the government could cripple company pension schemes just when it wants the private sector to play an even greater role in pension provision.

Alan Rubenstein, the head of UK equities for BZW Investment Management, has written to the heads of pension funds managed by the firm, arguing that a second tax hit could prompt a stock market crash by cutting the value of income from shares compared with other investments. He believes the Treasury has identified pension funds as a soft target in its search for areas where taxes could be increased to reduce the government's budget deficit.

He says Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, could be tempted to abolish pension funds' tax-free status which allows them to claim tax back on dividends. This would push many funds into a deficit, forcing companies to increase their contributions. That, in turn, would hit profits. It would also spark a slump in share prices and wipe an estimated 300 points off the FT-SE 100 index.

"In summary, the effects on pension funds, their members and on companies could be little short of disastrous," the letter concludes.

Norman Lamont reduced the tax privileges of pension funds when he reduced the tax credit on dividends from 25 to 20 per cent in his Budget last March. This raised an additional £1 billion.Although it sparked a heavy fall in the stock market and put several company pension funds into deficit, few people protested against the additional tax.

This, Mr Rubenstein believes, may tempt Mr Clarke to abolish the tax relief completely or phase it out. The Institute of Fiscal Studies estimates in its green budget that this would raise an additional £3 billion.

The abolition of tax relief would reduce pension funds' income by a fifth. Since pension funds make up around half the total value of the stock market, share prices could fall by an estimated 10 per cent.

This, and the long term fall in income, would mean that many company pension funds would move from a long-term surplus to a deficit, since actuaries partly value funds on their long-term income stream. This would force companies to make up the difference out of their profits.

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Lehman cited in Maxwell writ

BY JON ASHWORTH

LEHMAN Brothers, the US-owned investment bank, is at the centre of legal claims that staff suspected Robert Maxwell of plundering pension assets in October 1990 — more than a year before his death, two years ago this week.

Extracts of conversations are alleged to show that Lehman staff may have known of illicit transactions. The detailed allegations that have now emerged were made in the £100 million writ taken out by liquidators of the Maxwell company managing pension fund money against Lehman Brothers International (Europe) and Shearson Lehman Brothers, claiming that the investment bank is wrongfully holding pensioners' assets.

Neil Cooper and Ipe Jacob, of Robson Rhodes, liquidators of Bishopsgate Investment Management, claim that Lehman was aware of a fraudulent breach of trust by Maxwell and others in stock lending agreements.

The writ quotes an alleged conversation between Timothy Daily, head of Lehman's stock lending department, and Mark Haas, head of its international securities lending department in London, in October 1990. Mr Daily is alleged to have said: "Are you telling me Robert Maxwell is effectively converting the pension fund into cash and lending it to one of his other companies to prop it up?" Mr Haas denied that this was so, but said he did "not want to know where the stock was coming from, it was just coming to Lehmans as collateral."

The writ refers to an alleged conversation between employees in October 1991, in which Mr Haas said: "The customer has been known to tell a few porky pies [lies] from time to time, and, from a credit prospective, they're probably not the most stable of customers."

Lehman did not respond to requests for comment yesterday. When the writ was issued, in September, Lehman said: "We engaged in *bona fide* business transactions under a legitimate stock lending arrangement with a regulated counter party and had no notice of any impropriety."



JAMES MORGAN

David Cleave is targeting areas poorly served with continental-style café-brasseries

Cafe Poppy hopes to fill a gap in the hungry nineties

BY JON ASHWORTH

A HANDFUL of big City hitters have teamed up to bring a new brasserie chain to London. The inspiration for Cafe Poppy is David Cleave, 40, formerly a marine broker at Lloyd's, who set up the Colony wine bar chain in the Square Mile in the 1980s. He had backing from several Hoare Govett employees who have since moved elsewhere.

Sidney Bladon, Cafe Poppy's chairman, began his City career with Schroder Wagg and now moves in the property world. Fellow non-executive directors include Robert Hellyer, finance director of JO Hambro Group, and Angus Forrest, who runs Talisman Ventures, a venture capital boutique.

They aim to raise £850,000 through an offer under the Business Expansion Scheme, launched today. "We are looking to open seven branches in the next five to seven years," said Mr Cleave, founder and managing director, who is putting £100,000 into the project.

"Most will be in south-west London: Putney, Wimbledon, Wandsworth; areas that are not well served at present." The first Cafe Poppy is due to open next May.

The directors say more Britons have become acquainted with French cuisine and they hope reasonable prices will tempt the value-conscious customer of the straitened 1990s.

Factory output and orders leap

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURING output and new orders rose sharply last month, according to the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

The findings of its latest survey suggest manufacturing activity expanded over the previous month at an increased rate. This flies in the face of recent Confederation of British Industry evidence and official figures on manufacturing output which suggested the sector had lost steam.

The Purchasing Managers' survey, which gives the first snapshot of activity in the previous month, suggests manufacturing may have started to recover from an unimpressive third quarter, in which output fell. PMI's output and new orders indices rose sharply, suggesting "a substantial expansion of production and orders took place last month".

The survey suggests the biggest new orders growth came in consumer industries, backing up anecdotal and official evidence that consumer spending is growing steadily.

An improvement in domestic demand was cited as the source of much of the new growth in new orders, also suggesting that the main engine of the recovery is the domestic economy. But after two months of falling exports and export orders, the PMI also recorded a slight overall increase in overseas orders. The PMI's indices tend to improve markedly in October, as companies prepare for Christmas, but the PMI was still confident the latest figures point to a genuinely better performance.

Peter Thomson, director general of the institute, said: "This is good news, particularly as it is founded on hard data, direct from the factory gates — not conjecture."

Less encouraging was news that the PMI's employment index registered an overall fall in employment during October after three monthly rises.

Clarke backs Bank

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke gave clear support yesterday to the insistence of Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, that further cuts in interest rates would not be appropriate in present conditions. Speaking on the *Frost on Sunday* television programme on BBC1, the Chancellor said he had not had any differences with the Governor since he took office and "as of now, we are agreed".

This would not rule out a rate cut to coincide with Budget tax rises but the Bank is thought to be concerned at the continuing acceleration in the growth of M0, the narrow measure of money supply. Publication of the M0 figure for October has been brought forward to tommorrow, a day early, to coincide with the Bank's *Quarterly Review*.

On average, City analysts expect M0 growth to have accelerated from 5.3 to 5.5 per cent, the highest since mid-1990, against a monitoring range of 0-4 per cent. In March, the Treasury said it expected short-term acceleration, but that M0 growth would then fall back.

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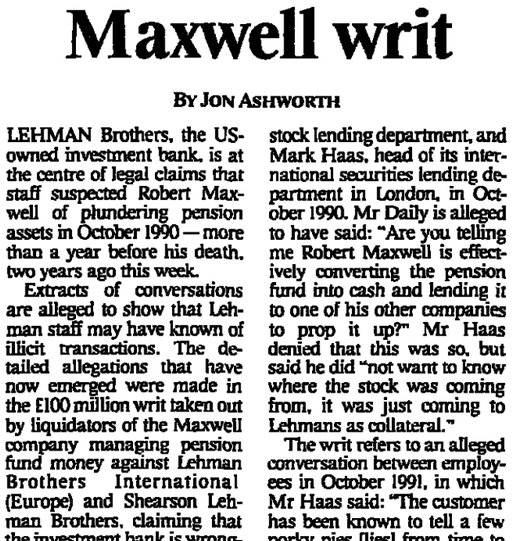
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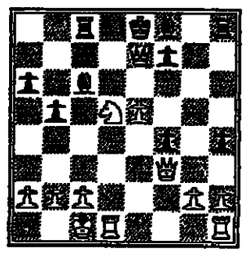
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 8. This is a key position from Short's brilliant sacrificial attack in game eight. How did he plan to win here?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HETERONYM
a. A nickname
b. Woman-mad
c. Spelt the same

INTERBASTATION
a. A distasteful perversion
b. Fortification between bastions
c. Quilting

TOMENTOSE
a. With all toes of same length
b. Hairy
c. A tomato/pimento cross

ULTRONEOUS
a. Spontaneous
b. Wounding
c. Irresponsible

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